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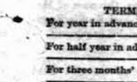
SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Saturday, the 18th February, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.



THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. SURAT, (2,378 tons, and 500 H.P.), Capt. A. R. Warren, WILL LEAVE FOR SUEZ as above, carrying H.M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Brindisi, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Trieste, Venice, Odessa, Genoa, Naples, Barcelona, and Havre, Liverpool or London.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon before 10 A.M. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 2 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

BRINDISI ROUTE.

The Company's Steamers now run to and from Brindisi instead of Marseilles.

REDUCED PARCEL RATES.

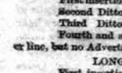
A considerable REDUCTION has been made in the TARIFF of CHARGES for SMALL PARCELS to ENGLAND, &c., particulars of which can be learnt on application at this Office.

Parcels will in future be received up to noon on the day of sailing.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay, 11th February 1871.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.



THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. TRAVANCORE, (1,200 tons, and 400 H.P.), Captain C. H. Eastley, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 16th February, leaving Mazagon at noon on that day, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras, Calcutta and Australia.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before 11 A.M. on Tuesday, the 14th instant.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay, 2nd February 1871.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY, (VIA SUEZ CANAL).

THE ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co. have established a regular service between GENOA and BOMBAY, by a monthly line of steamers (via the Suez Canal), leaving GENOA on the 24th, and BOMBAY on the 1st of each month, and calling at the following intermediate stations, viz:—

On the Outward voyage at Leghorn, Naples, Messina, Port Said, Suez, and Aden; on the Homeward voyage at the undermentioned ports.

PASSENGER RATES,

(Inclusive of all „Transit Fees through the Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
To Aden	£22	£15	£8	
Suez	36	24	9	Including Wine at Table.
Port-said	38	25	9-10	
Alexandria	39	25	12	
Messina	45	32	13	
Naples	47	34	13	
Leghorn	50	34	14	
Genoa	50	34	14-10	Without Food.
Marseilles with transhipment at Genoa	52	35	14-10	

Children under 2 years, free of charge.

Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Independent of this (Indian) line, the Company run Mail Steamers, under contract with the Italian Government, on the 8th, 16th, and 27th of each month, from ALEXANDRIA to GENOA, touching likewise at Messina, Naples, and Leghorn.

Passengers by this Company's Steamers are allowed to break their voyage at any of the above named ports, and may resume it at pleasure by any of the Company's vessels.

Passengers returning within 6 months of their departure from Bombay by the Steamers of the Company are entitled to a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Fare.

Berths may be secured in advance by depositing half the amount of Passage Money.

In accordance with the above, the Steam-ship ARABIA, 2,500 tons burden, Captain Crocco, will be despatched from Bombay on the 1st of MARCH 1871; but will be preceded by the Steam-ship INDIA, 2,500 tons burden Captain Dodero, which will leave Bombay Harbour on the 20th instant.

For Hand-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to VOLKART BROTHERS,

Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 10th February 1871.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited).

The following are the DATES of SAILING of this Company's Steamers:—

FROM CALCUTTA.

For CHITTAGONG and AKYAB, 3rd and 17th February, and 3rd and 17th March 1871.

For AKYAB, RANGOON and MOULMEIN, 10th and 24th February, and 10th and 24th March 1871.

For RANGOON and MOULMEIN, 3rd and 17th February, and 3rd, 17th, and 31st March 1871.

For STRAITS, calling at Rangoon and Moulmein, 3rd February and 3rd and 31st March 1871.

For PORT BLAIR and CAMORTA, 3rd March, and 14th April 1871.

For BOMBAY, calling at Gopaulpore, Bimlipatam, Vizagapatam, Cocanada, Madras, Negapatam, Galle, Columbo, Tuticorin, Cochin, or Narrakel, and, weather permitting, Beypore, Calicut, Cannanore and Mangalore, and Carwar, 7th and 21st February, and 7th and 21st March 1871.

FROM BOMBAY.

For CALCUTTA, calling at the same ports as the Steamers from Calcutta for Bombay, 14th and 28th February, and 14th and 28th March 1871.

For KURRACHEE, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th February, and 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th March 1871.

For PERSIAN GULF, calling at Kurrachee, Gwadur, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bushire, Fao, and Bussorah, and carrying Passengers and Cargo for Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bushire, and Bussorah, 6th and 20th February, and 6th and 20th March 1871.

FROM MADRAS.

For RANGOON, calling at Masulipatam, Coconada, Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam, 25th February, and 25th March 1871.

Managing Agents.....Messrs. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE and Co., Calcutta.
Agents at Bombay.....Messrs. WILLIAM NICOL and Co.
„ Madras .....Messrs. BINNY & Co.

GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS AT THE BROACH AND AKOLA EXHIBITIONS 1868.

GOLD KEYLESS HUNTERS and SEMI-HUNTERS, Plain or Engine-turned Cases. Rs. 225.
FAVRE, LEUBA, & Co.

LADY'S small GOLD HUNTERS, Enamelled and Jewelled Cases. Rs. 150.
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SILVER KEYLESS HUNTERS, 1st quality. Rs. 100.
Patent Lever, extra finished. FAVRE, LEUBA, & Co.

SILVER HUNTERS, Patent Lever, Engine-turned, very 3/4 plate, in strong good Silver Cases, serviceable, warranted for Two years. Rs. 50.
The same Watch, Keyless. Rs. 70. FAVRE, LEUBA, & Co.

OFFICE CLOCKS, Patent Lever, Octagon or Round, imitation Walnut, 8-days, with Bell. Rs. 25.
FAVRE, LEUBA & Co.

T. CHATELAIN-MONTANDON, WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

HAS received the following for Sale:—GOLD WATCHES for Ladies and Gentlemen, manufactured expressly for hot climates, and guaranteed to purchasers for the term of one to three years.

SILVER WATCHES of great variety, from Rs. 20 to 100, with same guarantee.

JEWELLERY—A very large selection, including Half sets, Bracelets, Brooches, Necklaces, Earrings, Lockets, Charms, Finger-Rings, Scarf-Rings, Studs, Watch-Chains, &c., all guaranteed to be of 14, 15, and 18 Carat Gold.

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MUSICAL BOXES, from Rs. 5 to 200.

REPAIRS in Watches, Clocks, Jewellery, Musical Boxes, &c., undertaken and carefully made.

T. CHATELAIN-MONTANDON, HUMMUM STREET, BOMBAY.

THE TWENTY-FIVE LAKH LOAN CASE.

Now Ready, at *Bombay Gazette* Office,

JUDGMENTS delivered by Mr. Justice Westropp and Sir Charles Sargent in the case of the BANK OF BOMBAY versus THE ORIENTAL BANKING CORPORATION.

The above have been reprinted in Pamphlet Form, and copies may be had at this Office. Price ONE RUPEE.

Bombay Gazette Office, April 4.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE.

Via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, take cargo to Liverpool, London, and Havre, via the Canal.

Rates of Fare for Passengers.

To Liverpool via Suez Canal—1st class £50; 2nd class £35.....
To Suez—1st class £40; 2nd class £22 10s.....
To Trieste (exclusive of Transit)—1st class £38; 2nd class £34.
} Exclusive of Wines.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London; Messrs. Yok, Kennard & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. Tod, Rathborne & Co., Alexandria; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

Bombay, 3rd January 1871.

BRINDISI ROUTE.

SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL LINE.

UNDER AUTHORITY FROM THE

ADRIATICO ORIENTALE COMPANY.

THE undersigned are prepared to issue THROUGH TICKETS from SUEZ to BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, NAPLES, ROME, BOLOGNA, FLORENCE, TURIN, SUSA, VERONA, CAMERLATA, MILAN.

Steamers leave Alexandria on the arrival of the Mail from Bombay.

The passage from Alexandria to Brindisi occupies only three days, and the through journey to London about 140 hours, making a saving over other routes of about 48 hours.

On arrival of the weekly fast Steamer from Alexandria, carrying the Supplementary Indian Mail, an Express Train is run from Brindisi by the South Italian Railway en route for London, via Ancona, Bologna, Munich, Cologne, Ostend and Dover.

The saving in time and the shortness of the sea voyage recommend this route to passengers.

RATES OF FARE FROM SUEZ, INCLUDING TRANSIT THROUGH EGYPT.

	1st Class. 2nd Class.		1st Class. 2nd Class.
To BRINDISI ...	Rs. 140 Rs. 100	To ROME ...	Rs. 153 Rs. 109-8
„ VENICE ...	Rs. 156 Rs. 108	„ MUNICH.	Rs. 205 Rs. 153-0

For rates to other towns apply to STEARNS, HOBART, & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 11th January 1871.

OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Gentlemen proceeding Home will find all that is requisite in the following detailed list; the Goods being made specially for the passage and Home wear:—

REQUIREMENTS.

1 Dozen Silk and Wool Shirts.	1 Rug with straps.
1 ditto Under Vests.	1 Maud.
2 ditto Linen Collars.	1 Inverness Cape.
1 ditto Fine Cotton Socks.	1 Hand Portmanteau.
1 ditto Fine Merino Socks.	2 Overland Trunks.
1 ditto Fine Merino Drawers.	1 Clothes Bag.
1 ditto Colored Handkerchiefs	1 Travelling Hat.
1 ditto White Cambric.	1 Courier Bag.
1 Overland Suit.	1 Easy Chair.
2 Sleeping Suits.	1 Umbrella.
2 Pairs of Kid Gloves.	1 Pair of Brushes.
6 Scarfs and Ties.	Ladies' Overland Trunks.

Return Fares.—First Class Passengers embarking from India by the P. and O. Co.'s Steamer within six months of their arrival from England, and *vice versa*, will be allowed a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Passage Money.

BADHAM & Co., Apollo House.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per ship MELPEMONE, Captain Whiting, from Liverpool, are requested to SEND OFF BOATS for their respective Goods without delay, failing which all packages, as soon as ready, will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the boncerned. Captain Whiting will not be responsible for the condition of any package after it leaves the ship's deck.

CHARLES WHITING,
Bombay, 10th February 1871. Master Ship Melpemone.

SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY.
No. 5, Forbes Street.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and handsome Household Furniture, best plated Ice Crockery and Glassware, a full-toned English Rosewood seven octave Drawing-room Grand Piano by Broadwood and Sons, a first-class English-built remarkably light Miniature Bavouche by R. Hewetson, an English-built light C Spring Buggy, by McNaught and Smith, a pair of handsome well-matched Chesnut and Grey Arab Horses, Gustave Dore's Illustrated Works, Bible, Atala, Paradise Lost, Vivien Guinivere, Plants, &c., at Cumballa Hill.

On MONDAY, the 13th, and TUESDAY, the 14th proximo, BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at his residence, at the abovementioned place, the very valuable and handsome Household Furniture, Piano, Carriages, Horses, &c., the property of Dr. Sylvester, changing residency, for No. 3, Malabar Hill.

Full particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues will be published, and the property on view 8 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS.

On WEDNESDAY, the 15th instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the G. I. P. Railway Station, Borse Bunder—

A quantity of unclaimed Goods,

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and costly English Warnutwood, Mahogany, Ebony, and richly gilt Household Furnishings, magnificent crystal cut and plated 24, 18, 12, and 8 light Chandeliers by Nash, handsome Pier Glasses in richly gilt frames with Consoles Tables, Tucker handsome plated 4, 6 and 8 light Argand Chandeliers, valuable gilt Clocks, Wall Gerandoles, handsome Vases, rich Carpets, China Garden Seats, China Pots of choice Plants, &c., at Love Lane, Byculla, next to H. H. Agakhan.

On TUESDAY, the 21st, and WEDNESDAY the 22nd inst., Messrs. Bennett and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the abovementioned place, by order of the Mortgagee and on account and at the risk of Hurbhuns Nurse, the mortgagor the very valuable and costly Furniture, &c.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view 5 days before the day of sale,

Bombay, 11th February 1871. BENNETT & Co.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL (HARRISON'S LINE) Via Suez Canal.

THE magnificent Steam Ship CITY OF BRUSSELS (London and Brazil Royal Mail Company), 1,381 tons Register, and 250 Horse-power, will sail about 6th March. She has very superior accommodation for forty first-class passengers. For Passage apply to

WALLACE & Co.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per CITY of BRUSSELS (s.s.), from Calcutta, are hereby informed that she HAS ARRIVED, and her discharge by Mr. Hajee Mahomed Seedick will be commenced at once. Freight to be paid to WALLACE & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 13th February 1871.

NOTICE.—Consignees per ship CITY OF CASHMERE, arrived from Glasgow, are requested to despatch boats to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS; otherwise they will be landed by the Captain, without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the concerned.

W. NICOL & Co.

Bombay, 13th February 1871.

WE beg to notify the arrival of the Steamship GANGES from Liverpool. Consignees are requested to SEND their DELIVERY ORDERS, accompanied by Bills of Lading, for our inspection and countersignature, and to take delivery of their respective Goods from the bunders.

GREAVES, COTTON, & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 13th February 1871.

THE ALLIANCE SPINNING COMPANY (Limited).—NOTICE is hereby given, that a DIVIDEND (Tenth) of RUPEES TWO HUNDRED (Rs. 200) per SHARE (at the rate of 16 per cent.), for the Half-year ending 31st December 1870, will be PAID on and after the 27th instant (to the Registered Shareholders on the 6th instant) at the Office of Messrs. TAPIDAS VURJDAS and Co. (Agents), No. 23, Apollo Street, between the hours of 12 noon to 3 P.M.

Share Certificates are required to be produced on Payment.

SHAVUKSHA DHUNJEEBHOY, Secretary.

Bombay, 13th February 1871.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

INCREASED CHARGES VIA RED SEA AND VIA RUSSIA.

On and from the 15th February 1871, Telegrams for Europe by the BRITISH INDIAN SUBMARINE and INDO-EUROPEAN COMPANY'S LINES will be subject to a charge of Rs. 16-8-0 for every Message whether of 10 or 20 words, and of Rs. 8-4-0 for every 10 words or fraction of 10 words in excess of 20 words, IN ADDITION TO THE PRESENT RATES.

THE CHARGES VIA TURKEY REMAIN UNALTERED.

By Order,
ROBERT BOTELER,
Assistant Superintendent in Charge.

Bombay Government Telegraph Office, 13th February 1871.

THE MAIL ROUTE VIA BRINDISI to England and the Continent of Europe, in connection at Brindisi with the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMERS.

Sea Passage between Brindisi and Alexandria, 75 hours, contact time.

Fares:—Brindisi to London, First-Class...£13 5s. 0d.
„ „ Second Class £9 12s. 1d.

On arrival of the Weekly Steamer from Alexandria, carrying the INDIAN MAIL, an Express Train is run from Brindisi by the SOUTH ITALIAN RAILWAY, en route for London, via Ancona, Bologna, Verona, the Brenner Pass, Munich, Aschaffenburg, Mayence, Cologne, Brussels, Ostend, or Calais and Dover.

The GREAT EAST INDIA HOTEL at Brindisi, under the control of the Company, is now open.

The SOUTH ITALIAN RAILWAY COMPANY'S Agents in London—LEBEAU & Co., 6, Billiter Street, E.C.

NOTICE.—FOR SALE, at Tudor Company's Ice House, CHOICE APPLES.

Bombay, 13th February 1871.

JOHN MOIR and SON, Purveyors by special appointment to H. R. H. the DUKE of EDINBURGH, Preserved Provision Manufacturers and Export Oilmen, ABERDEEN, Established 1822,

Would direct the attention of the public to the quality of their various preparations.

Soups when required to require the addition of an equal quantity of water before being put on the table, thus making them by far the cheapest in the market for the consumer.

Jams, Jellies and Marmalade—These are prepared with finest London Sugar, and have been well-known for many years.

Vegetables—Particular attention has been given to these, both in the growing and in their preservation, so that they cannot now be equalled.

J. M. and Sons' preparations may be had retail of all provisionists, and wholesale at their Factory, 56, Virginia Street, Aberdeen.

FARM AND GARDEN:—GARTHDEE, near ABERDEEN.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

VICTORIA THEATRE, GRANT ROAD.

SYLVESTER BLEEKER, Manager.

POSITIVELY

THE LAST NIGHT BUT THREE, THIS EVENING, TUESDAY, FEB. 14TH, AS THE TROUPE SAILS FOR SUEZ ON SATURDAY, FEB. 18TH.

Four of the smallest Human Beings of mature age in the World; Perfect Ladies and Gentlemen in Miniature.

THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY

GENERAL TOM THUMB AND WIFE

(Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stratton),

COMMODORE NUTT,

AND

MISS MINNIE WARREN,

In their beautiful Performances, consisting of

SONGS, DUETS,

COMIC ACTS, BURLESQUES, AND

LAUGHABLE ECCENTRICITIES.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Dress Circle.....	Rs. 3	Pit	„ 1
Stalls.....	„ 2		

Children under 10 with Parents Re. 1.

Doors open at 8; Performance to commence at 9 sharp.

All Tickets to be had at the Theatre at 8 P.M.

Books, Lockets, and Photographs of the Troupe, with facsimile of their Autographs on the back, for sale at each Performance.

NED DAVIS, Agent.

NOTICES.

MRS. JACOB HUNT, MILLINER AND DRESS-MAKER, 25, MEADOW STREET, BOMBAY, AND EAST STREET, POONA,

HAS the pleasure to inform the Ladies of Bombay and Outstations that SHE has just RETURNED from POONA and OPENED her NEW STOCK of Fresh and Fashionable MILLINERY selected for the Season in Bombay.

Handsome Millinery Bonnets
The New Gipsy Bonnets in Straw, &c.
Hats, richly trimmed
Hats in Felt and Straw, of every new shape
Rich Silks and Satins, in all the new colors
Moirés, Reps, Poplins, in great variety
Muslins, Colored and White Striped
Muslins, Colored and White Corded
Grenadines, Plain and Flowered, Colored and White
Ball Dresses, in Black and White Tulle
Ball Dresses, in Tartatan, plain and spangled
Ball Dresses, in White and Colored Silk Grenadine
Scarborough Walking Costumes
Dresses in Velvet and Velvetines
Jackets in Black Silk
Ladies' Jackets in Velvet and Velvetines
Ladies' Panier Jackets in Black Lace
Trimmed Outdoor Jackets in Cloth
Indoor Jackets in Velvetines
Muslins, Garibaldis, handsomely trimmed
Rich Black Garibaldis
Garibaldis, in Cloth, prettily braided
Lace Squares, and Fancy's Collars
The "Duchess" Squares in Lace
The New Lace Collars and Sleeves
Chemisettes and Sleeves, in Lace and Muslins
Flowers, in beautiful variety
Terry Ribbons, in all widths and colors
Rich wide Ribbons for Sashes, in Terry, Satin, and Silk
Handsome Dress Sashes, in Velvet, Lace, and Satin
Every new variety of Trimming, in Velvet, Terry, and Satin
Fringes, in all widths, styles and colors
Lace in "Duchess" Honiton, Valenciennes, Maltese, &c.
Handsome Muslin Slips
Cambric Embroidered Petticoats
The New Pannier Crinolines
The New Dress Improvers
French Wove Embroidered Corsets
Nursing Corsets
Embroidered and Tucked Cambric Camisoles
Ladies' Handkerchiefs in Real Lace and Embroidery
Ladies' Hem-stitched Handkerchiefs
Ladies' Silk Stockings in Black and White
The New "Polka Socks" for Ladies
Ladies' Boots and Slippers in Black and White Satin
Fancy Embroidered Slippers
Ladies' Opera Cloaks
Ladies' Capes in Shetland Wool
Hall Room Faze, in rich variety
Gilt Combs and Head-dresses
Frisettes, in latest styles, for Plaits, Rolls, Coils, &c
Fashionable Chignons, in every shade of hair
Combs for Chignons
Long Hairnets and Pins for Chignons
Bands and Tulles, in great variety
Gauze Veils, in every colour
Ladies' Riding Hats, in latest style
Various Material for Riding Habits
Trimmed Petticoats and Flounces, Plaits in Coloured Rep
Children's Dresses, in Piqué, Merino, &c., handsomely trimmed
Girls' Hats, trimmed and untrimmed
Boys' Suits, in Cashmere, &c.
Boys' Hats, trimmed and untrimmed
Gloves, for Boys and for Infants
Babies' Christening Robes and Frocks
Babies' Handsome Cloaks and Capes
Babies' Hoods and Hats, in rich variety
Babies' Quilted Bibs, Boots, and Shoes
Carefully Selected Wedding Material, in rich Moirés, Satins, and Silks
Bridal Wreaths, Veils, Bouquets, &c., in elegant style
The "Josephine" Gloves
Ladies' and Gentlemen's Kid Gloves
Rich Mourning of every description
Jet Ornaments.

All Orders executed with strict care and attention.

LADIES' OWN MATERIAL MADE UP.

Out-stations Orders to be accompanied by a Remittance or reference for payment in Bombay.

Bombay, 15th Dec. 1870.

P. GRANT and SON, SADDLERS, &c., have commenced business again at No. 9 Hummum Street, where all orders will be attended to.

Orders from Out-stations to be accompanied with remittance or reference for payment in Bombay.

GEORGE NICOLL AND CO., BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS, SADDLERS AND HARNESS MAKERS, 30, MEADOW STREET, BOMBAY. 1, EAST STREET, POONA.

GEO. NICOLL & CO., BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS, SADDLERS AND HARNESS MAKERS, 30, Meadow Street, Bombay, AND 1, East Street, Poona,

BEG to inform their Constituents and the Public generally, they have THIS DAY commenced Business as SADDLERS and HARNESS MAKERS, and have received a supply of double and single Harness, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Saddles and Bridles, Riding, Driving and Hunting Whips, and all other necessaries required in the Saddlery Line.

Having secured the services of a Foreman Saddler from one of the first Houses in London, they are prepared to execute all Orders with which they may be favoured, carefully and promptly.

ROWLAND AND Co., SADDLERY AND HARNESS ESTABLISHMENT, 8 MEDOW STREET, FORT, BOMBAY.

Every description of SADDLES, BRIDLES, HARNESS and WHIPS always on hand.

OUTSTATION ORDERS should be accompanied by a REMITTANCE or References for Payment in Bombay.

MONTPELLIER HOUSE, PRIVATE BOARDING and LODGING, No. 283, Middle Colaba.

MONTPELLIER HOUSE, most delightfully situated within an easy distance of the Fort, is now OPEN for the RECEPTION of PERMANENT and TRANSIENT BOARDERS. Gentlemen wishing to avail themselves of the comforts of a First-class English House will do well to make early appl cation, as only a limited number can be accommodated. Also a First-class BILLIARD TABLE.

CAUTION.

STEEDMAN'S SOOTHING POWDERS, for Children cutting their Teeth. Purchasers are requested to BEWARE OF IMITATIONS

of this Medicine, and to observe, in every case, that the words "JOHN STEEDMAN, CHEMIST, WALWORTH, SURREY," are engraved on the Government Stamp affixed to each packet, without which none are genuine. Sold by all Chemists and Druggists in Bombay, in Packets.

SARSAPARILLA.

WILKINSON'S Essence or Fluid Extract of RED JAMAICA SARSAPARILLA, prescribed by the Faculty for Purifying the Blood, Debility, Liver Complaints, and freeing the system from the effects of Mercury; exclusively used in India and the Colonies as a Prevention to Tropical Diseases.

"Superior preparation that may always be relied upon."—Sir Astley Cooper.

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WILKINSON'S preparation of Ginger and Camomile has long been deservedly known as an excellent domestic medicine. It is a most efficient Stomachic Tonic, and the best remedy for Flatuency and disorders arising from impaired digestion.

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AROMATIC TINCTURE of QUINODINE.

For the prevention of Fever, Ague, and effects of Malaria.

An unfailing remedy.

It may be mentioned that those who, during the campaign in the Crimea, daily took a small quantity, passed entirely unharmed through the rankling fire of Fever and Dysentery that thinned the ranks around them.

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And of all the Principal Firms in India and the Colonies.

NOTICES.

THE HALL P. & O. BUILDING, MAZAGON.

By the kind permission of Captain G. F. HENRY, and with the valuable assistance of

THE P. & O. AMATEURS

Mr. BIRCH will give his celebrated Entertainment,

BIRCH'S TOUR OF EUROPE,

At the above-named place, on

THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 16TH, 1871.

Doors open at 8-30; commence at 9 P.M.

Front Seats .....Rs. 3 | Back Seats .....Rs. 2

Tickets may be obtained at the P. & O. Building, or from Messrs. SOUNDY & Co.

NOTICE.—TENDERS will be received by the Executive Engineer of Poona and Kirkee, up to the 20th instant, for the construction of an IRON WATER TANK for the Small Arms Ammunition Factory at Kirkee, 47 feet by 32 feet, and 3 feet high.

Particulars may be learnt on application at the Executive Engineer's Office at Poona.

G. J. MELLIS, Major,
Executive Engineer, Poona and Kirkee.

Poona, 7th February 1871.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the MATERIALS of TWO HOUSES, Nos. 37 and 85 at Colaba, will be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the spot, on the 20th February 1871, at 4 P.M.

2. Conditions of sale and other particulars can be learnt at the Collector's Office.

F. F. ARBUTHNOT, Collector.

Bombay, Collector's Office, 11th February 1871.

M. B. COHEN & Co., APOLLO HOUSE, BOMBAY,

Conduct a GENERAL AGENCY BUSINESS in all its DEPARTMENTS.

Orders for Oilmanstores, Machinery, Contractors' Tools, &c., promptly executed.

Goods shipped or landed and forwarded to any Part of India.

Passages and Goods booked by any Steamer, and all information regarding the same forwarded on application.

Bombay, 1st February 1871.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

TAPTEE NEW VIADUCT.

TENDERS will be received at the Office of the Agent to the Company, Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, for the ERECTION of the TAPTEE NEW VIADUCT, near Bhosawul, up to noon of the 21st February 1871.

Drawings can be inspected, and printed Specification and Form of Tender obtained, at the Chief Engineer's Office, Fort, Bombay, on payment of the sum of Ten Rupees.

HENRY P. LeMESURIER, Agent.

Bombay, 6th February 1871.

BOMBAY, BARODA, AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

CONTRACT for LANDING and DELIVERING STORES and MATERIALS.

TENDERS for LANDING and DELIVERING the CONSIGNMENTS of the COMPANY from SHIPS in BOMBAY HARBOUR for a period of ONE YEAR, dating from the 19th April next, will be received by the undersigned up to the 20th February.

All Tenders should be sealed and properly endorsed on the Envelope.

The Company will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.

FRANCIS MATHEW,
Chief Resident Engineer and Acting Agent.

BOMBAY RECLAMATION COMPANY, Limited, (in Liquidation).—A DISTRIBUTION of ASSETS of Rs. 75 per SHARE will be MADE to the Registered Shareholders on the production of Share Certificates on and after FRIDAY next the 4th instant.

J. G. SMITH,
For Self and Co-Liquidators.

Elphinstone Circle, 2nd November 1870.

THE ELPHINSTONE LANDING and GLOBE EXPRESS COMPANY.—LAND CARGOES with despatch at MODERATE RATES; Bond or deliver Goods on Bunders, or from Custom House and deliver at Warehouses, Lanes in "Duchess" Honiton, Valenciennes, Maltese, &c. Likewise Despatch Packages to any part of the world. For particulars apply to

F. MOOLJEE & Co.,
Care of Messrs. Mooljee Thackersey & Co.,
Opposite the New Bank of Bombay.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

At a large MEETING of POLICYHOLDERS of the ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY and its ASSOCIATED OFFICES to-day, Mr. JAMES THOMSON in the Chair, the following RESOLUTIONS were adopted:—

1. "That the Policyholders approve and accept the scheme of reconstruction prepared by the Committee of Policyholders, Annuitants, and Shareholders in the Albert Life Assurance Company, and now submitted to the Meeting, subject to such modifications as may be found expedient, and be sanctioned by the Court of Chancery."

2. "That this Meeting earnestly impress upon the Policyholders the importance of sending in their individual assents to the scheme as speedily as possible, so as to strengthen the hands of the Committee in carrying the same into effect."

3. "That the Policyholders consider it desirable and agree to pay the premiums due on their respective Policies to an account to be opened at the Bank of England and the Agra Bank, Limited, in the names of Messrs. Thomson, Bell, and Major-General Cunningham, three of the Members of the Committee of Policyholders, Annuitants, and Shareholders in the Albert Life Assurance Company; the payments to be made in such sum as the Scheme of Reconstruction should not be carried out, without deduction of any kind."—*Times*, 29th April 1870.

The AGRA BANK, Limited, is PREPARED to RECEIVE PREMIA on Policies in the above Company, in terms of the foregoing Resolutions.

EDWARD MORRISS,
Manager, Bombay Branch.

Bombay, 1st June 1870.

BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

A REGATTA will take place on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd February, under the patronage of His Excellency The Right Hon'ble Sir WILLIAM ROBERT SEYMOUR VESEY FITZGERALD, G.C.S.I., Governor of Bombay, when the following PRIZES will be offered for competition:—

FIRST RACE (at 1-30 P.M.)—Sailing Match for Ships' Boats, of any rig or size. No time allowance for tonnage. Entrance fee Rs. 5. First prize, Rs. 100; second, Rs. 50; third (given by the Commodore of the Club), Rs. 30; and fourth, Rs. 25.

SECOND RACE (at 1-45 P.M.)—Sailing Match for the Augusta (schooner), and Water Queen, Sea Queen, Cinderella, and Calanthe (lateen), handicapped. Entrance Rs. 15. First prize, Rs. 150; second, Rs. 75.

THIRD RACE (at 2 P.M.)—Sailing Match for Yachts, of cutter and schooner rigs. Time allowance for tonnage according to Club's scale. Entrance Rs. 10. First prize, Rs. 100; second, Rs. 50.

FOURTH RACE (at 2-15 P.M.)—Sailing Match for Yachts, of lateen and sliding gunter rigs. Time allowance for tonnage. Entrance Rs. 10. First prize, Rs. 100; second, Rs. 30.

FIFTH RACE (at 2-30 P.M.)—Sailing Match for Dubash Boats. No time allowance for tonnage. Entrance Rs. 5. First prize, Rs. 95; second, Rs. 50 by Mr. Maxwell's Friend. If 5 boats do not start, 2nd prize withheld; 3rd, Rs. 30 (if more than two boats start.)

SIXTH RACE (at 3-30 P.M.)—Rowing Match for 4-oared Gigs, Jolly Boats, or Ships' Cutters, limited to 25 feet over all. Entrance Rs. 5. Not fewer than four boats to start. First prize, Rs. 50; second, Rs. 30; third, Rs. 20.

SEVENTH RACE (at 3-40 P.M.)—Rowing Match for double-banked Launches or Cutters. Entrance Rs. 5. Not fewer than four boats to start. First prize, Rs. 75; second, Rs. 50; third, Rs. 25.

EIGHTH RACE (at 3-50 P.M.)—Rowing Match for 5 or 6-oared Gigs, Jolly Boats, or Ships' Cutters. Entrance Rs. 5. Not fewer than four boats to start. First prize, Rs. 70; second, Rs. 40; third, Rs. 20.

The course for the Sailing Matches will be from stations at flag-ship to a flag-boat moored between Caranjah shoal and Gull Island, rounding it, and leaving it on starboard hand, thence round inner light-ship leaving it also on star-board hand, and back to flag-ship passing between flag-ship and the hulk, heading up the harbour (once round). Yachts of the second race twice round the course; all others once round.

The course for the Rowing Matches will be from stations at Flag-ship to a Flag-boat moored about ½ mile off in the direction of Oyster Rock, rounding it, leaving it on the Port hand, and back to starting Point.

The sailing Rules of the Bombay Yacht Club (excepting No. 1) will

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET steady. Some inquiries for Colabas and Mazagons at rates quoted.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Number of Shares.	Nominal value per sh.	Paid up.	Last dividend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	p. c.			
100,000	100	all	3 p.ct.	Agra Bank	98
22,000	1,000	all	9 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,375
10,000	500	all	8 p.ct.	Ditto of Bombay New	900 ex div
1,000	500	100	6 do.	Ditto 2nd Res. Issue	160
5,256	1,000	all	12 p.ct.	Ditto of Madras	1,500
20,000	250	all	4 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of I. L. & China	240
0,000	275	all	12 p.ct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	360
40,000	200	all	Nil	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	190
37,098	250	125	8 p.ct.	National Bank of India	110
20,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	440

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	Rs. 70	Colaba Land Co.	1,605
9,000	150	all		Frere Land & Pier Co. Ld	153
750	2,000	2,000	Nil	Mazagon Land	970
4,000	2,000	1,400	Nil	Fort Canning	250

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

...	£20	218.3.0	p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	237
...	£20	109.1.0	do.	Do. New £20 shares	126
...	£ 0	19.12.0	do.	Do. New	...
...	£100	1,000	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,100
...	£18	196.5.1	do.	Do. New Shares	200

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,850	250 ps.	Akbar Cotton Press Co.	2,360
200	3,000	1,400	75 do.	Albert Co. Kurrachee	775
150	3,500	850	Nil	Alexandra Press Co.	470
150	12,000	11,000	200 do.	Apollo Press Co.	7,200
200	2,000	1	250 do.	Bombay Press Co.	2,270
700	500	all	68 do.	Do. New	580
600	1,800	all	800 do.	Colaba Press Co.	5,800
350	1,000	all	...	East India Press Co.	3,500
150	9,500	all	1,000*	Fort Press Co.	9,800
300	1,000	1,000	...	Framji Cowasji Press	1,000
200	5,000	all	Nil.	Hydraulic Press Co.	2,550
300	5,000	1,500	150 ps.	Imperial Press Co.	1,300
1,000	000	2,000	120 ps.	Kurrachee Press Co.	225
2,000	400	350	35 ps.	Mofus. Press & G. Co.	420
125	3,500	all	350*	Prince of Wales Press	2,350
220	1,000	750	75 ps.	Victoria Press, Madras	1,000
150	3,000	all	150 ps.	Tinnevelly Press Co.	1,000
400	1,500	...	...	Canwar Company	700

*Per share for the half-year.

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	50	Albert Mills Co.	1,325
500	3,500	all	125 ps.*	Alliance Spinning	2,800
100	5,000	all	...	Bombay	3,000
700	1,000	all	25*	Bombay United	970
1800	150	150	...	Brosch Mills	270
800	3,000	all	...	Dhurumsey Spinning	2,400
500	2,000	all	150	Great Eastern	1,260
2,500	1,000	all	80 p.c.	Manockji Petit's	1,085
800	2,500	all	80 p.c.	Oriental	2,300
200	1,500	2,300	...	Royal	1,725

*Per share for the half-year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

—	2,500	1,500	75 ps.	Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	800
1,000	50	all	5pc.	Mechanics B'ld'g Co.	30
800	500	200	21 ps.	Kurrachee Landing and Shipping Company	170
2,000	500	all	25 ps.	Treacher & Co.	415

BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

		Date of Liquidation.		
500	75	Jan. '36	Bank of Bombay ..	29
5	19	...	Do. China	1
250	2	Mar. '66	Central Bank	1
...	...	...	East India Bank	14
200	13	Feb. '67	Indian Peninsula	1
200	68	May '67	Royal Bank	5

COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION.

5,200	2,375	Nov. '66	Back Bay Co.	95
3,500	7,440	...	B'bay & Bengal S. S.	10

EXCHANGE.

On	Terms.	Rate
London	At sight	1s. 10d.
London Banks	6 months' sight.	1s. 10d.
Do. Credits	6 Do. do.	1s. 10d.
Do. Documents	6 Do. do.	1s. 11d.
Calcutta	At sight	100 7/16
Do.	30 days' sight	100⅝
Do.	60 days' sight	99⅞
adras	At sight	par
Do.	30 days' sight	99⅛
China	60 Do. do	220

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Five-and-a-half per cent	113½
Five per cent	106⅞
Four per cent	98
Four & half per cent. (Public Works Loan)	106¼
Five per cent Debenture Loan 1866-67	103
15 years' Debenture Loans	108
10 years' do. do.	106
5 years' do. do.	103
Six per cent. Municipal Loan House Rate	113
Do. Do. Market Rate	113

BANK OF BOMBAY.

Government Securities	4 per cent.
Mercantile Bills	6 ,,

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each	Rs. 10-8
Bank of England Notes	,, 10-1
Carolus	,, 290
Mexican Dollars	,, 220
Five-Franc Pieces	,, 203
Bar Silver	,, 106-1
Gold Leaf	,, 15-1
Bar Gold 10 oz. English	,, 16
Australian Gold	,, 196

CALCUTTA.—9TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

THE following transactions were reported to-day :—

In Government Securities, market firm—

4 per cents at Rs. 97-12, 97-13, or 2-4 to 2-3 discount, and some at Rs. 97-14 or 2-2 discount.

5 per cents of 1856-57 at Rs. 106-8.

In shares—

Goosery Cotton Mills Co.'s shares at Rs. 211 and 212.

Bank of Bengal shares at Rs. 1,400.

Oudh and Rohilcund Railway Stock at Rs. 108 per £10.

Fort Canning Land Investment, &c., Co.'s shares at Rs. 250, with blank transfer deeds.

—*Englishman.*

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—FEBRUARY 13.

Hawkins, Captain, 4th Punjab Cavalry, from medical certificate, from England.

Constant, Veterinary Surgeon, Bombay Army, from furlough, from England.

Snodgrass, Lieutenant, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Belgaum.

Fleming, Surgeon-Major, Civil Department, from furlough, from England.

Wyllie, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Ahmedabad.

Atkins, Captain, Bengal Staff Corps, from furlough, from England.

Hopkins, Assistant Surgeon, Medical Department, to appear before a medical board, from Deolalee.

Heather, Assistant Surgeon, Bengal Medical Department, to appear before a medical board, from Deolalee.

Ferrell, Surgeon, Bengal Medical Department, from furlough, from England.

Brownlow, Colonel, Bengal Staff Corps, from medical certificate, from England.

Newmarch, Major, Bengal Staff Corps, from furlough, from England.

Johnson, Surgeon Major, Bengal Medical Establishment, from leave, from England.

McGrath, Surgeon, Medical Establishment, on duty, from Ahmedabad.

Ward, Conductor, Commissariat Department, Madras, from medical certificate, from England.

Caulfield, Major, Madras Cavalry, to appear before a medical board, from Bellary.

Turton, Major, Madras Staff Corps, to join, from England.

Shepherd, Lieutenant, 4th Punjab Cavalry, from furlough, from England.

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—13TH FEBRUARY.

			p. ton.
London	Cotton	No ship	
	Cases	,,	,,
	Seeds	,,	,,
Liverpool	from Ships Cotton	£2 12s. 6d.	,,
	Wooden Ships ,,	£2 12s. 6d.	,,
	Myrabolms & Colz bills	£2 0s. 0d.	,,
	Seeds	£1 10s. 0d.	,,
Havre	Cotton	No ship loading	
	Coffee		
Overland	Steamers	£3 10s. 0d.	
Liverpool via Suez Canal		£3 0s. 0d.	
China	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 10 per bale.	
	Opium	Rs. 23 to 30 per chest	
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 5 per bale	
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 2 0 0 to 3 0 0 per ton	
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 16 and Calcutta Port charges	
Mauritius		8 annas to 10 p. bag nomina.	

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
13	Behar (s)	Blake	Hongkong, Jan. 25.
	Goolamar	Nacoda	Damaun, Feb. 11.

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
13	Comorin (s)	Osborn	Kurrachee.
	Tepteo (s)	Morrison	Cutch.
	M. S. Elphinstone (s)	Raffin	Coast and Goa.

The following vessels began to load yesterday—

Steamer Tilly, to Malabar Coast.

Schooner Goolamar, to Mozambique.

THE HOOGHLY.

ARRIVALS.

Feb			
10	Nonsuntum	Norton	—, Nov. 22.
	Malvina	Kluge	Singapore, Dec. 31.
	Moqheem (s)	Ewart	Akyab, Feb. 7.

DAILY IMPORTS.—13TH FEBRUARY.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Ardgowan, 5 casks screws, A. Bomanjee.

Woolloomooloo, 1,547 plates spelter, Canjee Khetsee.

DeRuyter (s), 1 case cashmere, Cunha & Faria.

FROM LONDON.

Collingwood (s), 6 cases oilmanstores, Eduljee Nusserwanjee Co labawalla & Co.

Nelson, 37 packages hardware, Abdool Cadur Mybuttkey ; drums turpentine, N. & B. Wadia & Co. ; 201 kegs iron nails H. B. Jejeebhoy.

Wellesley (s), 4 packages hardware, &c., Scott, McClelland & Co. ; 1,000 plates spelter, T. F. Punnett.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Admiral J. de la Graviere, 150 cases brandy, Alsen, Riebe & Co.

Asie (s), 125 cases brandy, Alsen, Riebe & Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—13TH FEBRUARY.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Daphne, 25 bales cotton, Premchund Echachund.

Orlando (s), 50 bales wool, Jetha Vurria ; 90 bales wool, Morarchund Ladha ; 177 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers ; 400 bales wool, Nanjee Gopaljee.

Maritana, 29 bales cotton, Abhya Chapsee ; 50 bales wool, Ramdass Vussonjee ; 27 bales cotton, Ramdass Valjee.

Wellesley (s), 27 bales wool, Bhusal Dewchund ; 534 bales cotton, Stearns, Hobart & Co. ; 91 bales cotton, H. Cupoorchund ; 75 bales cotton, Behrand Brothers ; 50 bales cotton, Peel, Cassels & Co. ; 52 bales cotton, Lalljee Parsotum.

Bellona (s), 224 bales hemp and 176 bales cotton, Soonderdass Mooljee.

Duke of Edinburgh, 91½ bales cotton, G. Heerjee & Co.

Austin Friars, 500 bales cotton, W. and A. Graham & Co. ; 200 bales cotton, Knoop & Co.

FOR LONDON.

Nelson, 93 cases olibanum, Cassum Munjee ; 304 cases olibanum, Ralli Brothers.

Surat (s), 4 cases fishmaws, Mooljeebhoy Gangjee ; 171 bags pepper and cardamoms, B. Brothers ; 160 bags coffee, 18 cases cotton seeds, 300 cases ginger, and 7 cases cardamoms W. Nicol & Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Surat (s), 140 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co. ; 100 bales cotton, H. Bomanjee Touche & Co. ; 100 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

India (s), 400 bales cotton, A. Blaicheck & Co. ; 350 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co. ; 120 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers ; 93 bales cotton, Peel, Cassels & Co. ; 100 bales cotton, Ritchie, Steuart & Co.

Mima Thomas (s), 725 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers ; 100 bales cotton, Planque, Vinay & Co.

Apis (s), 500 bales cotton, H. Bomanjee Touche & Co. ; 100 bales cotton and 500 bags coffee, A. C. Gumpert & Co. ; 200 bales cotton, Kunkler, Preiswerck & Co. ; 500 bales cotton, H. Clason & Co. ; 100 bales cotton, George Lockhart & Co. ; 200 bales cotton, G. Sigg & Co. ; 500 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co.

FOR VENICE.

India (s), 150 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co. ; 200 bales cotton, George Lockhart & Co.

Surat (s), 100 bales cotton, W. Nicol & Co. ; 50 bales cotton, G. Sigg & Co.

FOR GENOA.

India (s), 100 bales cotton, Kunkler, Preiswerck & Co.

Surat (s), 100 bales cotton, H. Bomanjee Touche & Co.

FOR NEW YORK.

Golden City, 5,000 bags linseed, Ralli Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Travancore (s) 87 bundles sharkfins & 6 bales cotton, Ludha Dewjee ; 29 bundles ganda horns, Shurifbhoy Sallay Mahomed ; 132 bundles sharkfins, Khalifan Abdoola ; 93 chests Malwa opium, E. D. Sassoon, 100 chests Malwa opium, David Sassoon & Co. ; 15 chests Malwa opium, Ruttonjee Eduljee ; 12 chests Malwa opium, H. Abdoola Noor Mahomed ; 16 chests Malwa opium, Dewjeebhoy Goolam Hoosein ; 52 bales cotton, Jan Mohamed Abdool Khaluck ; 31 bales cotton, Nursey Keeowjee ; 5 chests Malwa opium, N. J. Ebram ; 50 bales cotton, H. E. Ellias ; 75 bales cotton, C. Ebram ; 9 chests Malwa opium, H. Surdarmul.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Travancore (s), 21½ chests Malwa opium, Chunilall Dulcharam ; 16 chests Malwa opium, R. Dhunjeeshaw & Co ; 18 chests Malwa opium, E. J. Ebram ; 86 chests Malwa opium, Ruttonjee Eduljee ; 3½ chests Malwa opium, D. Choonilall ; 8 chests Malwa opium, N. J. Ebram.

NOTICE.—The REGATTA is POSTPONED to MONDAY the 27th instant, at the same hours as previously fixed.

The time for Entries for the different Races has been extended to 1 o'clock of FRIDAY the 17th instant.

The time for receiving Subscription from Members of the Club has been extended to THURSDAY the 16th instant.

HENRY MORLAND, } Joint Honorary
H. MANISTY, } Secretaries.

Bombay Yacht Club, 13th February 1871.

MRS. MACARTNEY FILGATE will be happy to RECEIVE VISITORS at GOVERNMENT HOUSE Parell, on TUESDAY the 14th inst., from 5 to 7 o'clock.

T. VAN STRAUBENZEE, Captain,
A.-D.-C. in Waiting.

Parell, 10th February.

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WILL BE ISSUED FROM THIS OFFICE TO-DAY AS SPECIAL EDITIONS IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE ; AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

PAYNE—February 11th, at Colaba, Bombay, the wife of Mr. H. W. Payne, Solicitor, of a daughter.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

ATTCHISON—February 7th, at No. 3, Elysium Row, Calcutta, the wife of C. U. Aitchison, Esq., C.S.I., of a daughter.

SAMUEL—February 9th, at Chandernagore, the wife of Mr. J. Samuel, E. I. Railway, Electric Telegraph Department, of a son.

DEATH

HOMER—February 6th, at Jubbulpore, the wife of the Rev. F. W. Homer, Chaplain.

NOTICE.

All CHEQUES, MONEY ORDERS, and other Remittances, sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

All Communications respecting Advertisements should be addressed to the "Advertisement Department" *Bombay Gazette* Office, Bombay.

The Bombay Gazette.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1871.

IF it is always difficult to criticise a comparatively colourless document, like a Queen's speech, it is still more difficult to comment, in any satisfactory fashion, on a telegraphic summary of an address, every word of which has been weighed. The art of non-committal is usually carried close to perfection in the composition of the Speech; the many cooks aiming either at a bare reference to facts well known, or to such an arrangement of words, in regard to the future, as shall furnish general rather than precise information. We have, for example, long been aware that Her Majesty's Government had observed a strict neutrality, that no real attempt to secure a peace could be made until Paris surrendered, and that every one hoped for a durable peace. But what terms, in the opinion of the Government, would secure a durable peace, of course, her Majesty's responsible Ministers do not permit Her Majesty even to hint. Nor would it have been decent or parliamentary that they should. In the debate on the address there will have been plenty of advice tendered to both sides. Nevertheless, the speech indicates pretty plainly that no anti-German policy animates the Cabinet. While the old fact is recognized that France is "a principal and indispensable member of the European commonwealth," still, in every sense, and despite her temporary defeat, a Great Power, truths no German would dream of denying, the new fact, the unity of Germany, symbolized by King William's acceptance of an Imperial title, is also significantly acknowledged. That incident bears testimony to the "solidity and independence of Germany," and inspires Her Majesty with a trust that a United Germany will conduce to "the stability of the European system." Thus, the policy of M. Thiers and of the Bonapartist or rather the Louis Quatorze school is indirectly condemned, and the British Government, true to its traditions, finds, in Germany, the restraining central power. From 1815 to 1856 the power of Germany was neutralized by the vice which characterized the constitution of the Bund. The evils of disunion at length became intolerable, and Prussia, being in a position to cut the knot, at least so far as Austria was concerned, made herself the exponent of the national instinct, and cut the knot. But the country south of the Main was still open, or apparently open to the intrigues of a foreign enemy. France declared her intention of subverting German unity; the Emperor Napoleon thought fit to enter on a war long described by Frenchmen as "inevitable"; the engineer was hoisted by his own petard, and France with him, and the war intended to dictate the internal arrangements of Germany, immediately brought about her complete unity. The Queen's speech recognizes the fact as one conducive to the welfare of Europe. No Government can, and probably no conceivable Government will desire to back out of that position, or reverse the large policy which it implies. It is gratifying to know that the Comtists, Bonapartist Liberals and Conservatives, and the democratic imperialists have utterly failed in their desperate efforts to turn England aside from the true path, and compel her to sacrifice the German alliance, with its roots deep in history, to an alliance with France, which could only have resulted in an early rupture, or in British subserviency to French interests and designs.

The paragraph relating to the Black Sea Treaty is a good example of the reticent method of referring to a difficulty rather than stating it, and of the convenience of using general terms which may cover great concessions or none at all; while the paragraph relating to American disputes is chiefly remarkable for the statement that the scope of a Commission proposed by England was enlarged at the request of President Grant. The fisheries question has long been shirked, and at very great risk; it has always been a box of lucifer matches; and peace has been preserved only by the good sense of the two Governments. Far more likely than the Alabama claims to beget a rupture, it is to be hoped that this cause of probable strife will be removed; of course the Conservatives will carp at the English commissioners, but they are all men of sober judgment, and trained to a sense of responsibility. Sir J. Macdonald represents the Dominion; Sir Edward Thornton, diplomacy; Sir Montague Bernard is learned in international law, and has written a thick volume on the Neutrality of England during the Secession War; Lord Grey and Ripon may be said to represent the Government. Of the Americans we know next to nothing.

The present session is about to begin as a military session. Ireland, for once, is to be conspicuous by her absence, and the great topic is to be army reform. It will therefore be, in all probability, a stormy session. Purchase, and all that it implies, will die hard, if it die at all, and the revival of the militia ballot, a power only in abeyance, suspended from time to time, will meet with many and formidable adversaries. Unless it be accompanied by the abolition of the Horse Guards, and the separate discordant interest therein represented, unless the Army is made, what some will call a Parliamentary, but which we prefer to call a National Army, it is probable that the combined forces of those who love purchase and those who hate a compulsory ballot, will be too strong for the Ministry. But at present we are not in a position to learn the Ministerial plan; nothing, in short, except that there is a plan involving the immediate or gradual abolition of purchase, and certain methods for securing large bodies to constitute a home defensive army. It is probable that the reference to increased charges points towards the sum to be appropriated for the extinction of Military Stock, and its removal from the market altogether. The holders are so strong that they can compel the grant of liberal terms; indeed, they could almost vote the requisite payment themselves. The existence of over-regulation prices is a remarkable example of the impotence of law, when powerful classes determine not to obey, and the recognition of a right to compensation belongs entirely to the region of equity.

So far as we can learn by telegraph, India has been forgotten in the composition of the speech; and perhaps it would be a lucky thing for India if she were forgotten oftener. Mr. Grant Duff's notice of motion, however, shows that memory is active enough at the India Office; and a general debate on the Indian finances will afford all parties and cliques an opportunity of setting forth their views. A Committee of the whole House admits of free, almost conversational debate; and if there is to be a Royal Commission, the resolution to grant one will have a ground work in the opinions then elicited. We are glad the notice is limited to the crucial Indian question.

FOR the edification of military readers we quote the following passage from one of the most devoted admirers of the beauties of break-of-gauge—the "Bombay Times":—

"So far as troops alone are concerned, including all corps that carry their own accoutrements, the break-of-gauge would create no difficulty. It is presupposed that there would be sufficient of rolling stock for each system. If a demand is made that 'surplus' carriages and locomotives shall be kept to provide for military emergencies, that is a different matter, and has nothing to do with the supposed serious impediments incident to transhipment. In a majority of instances, ordnance, horses, and stores could be sent on even sooner than the men and their food supplies could be ready; thereby allowing plenty of time for transhipment, if necessary."

The *naïveté* of the subtle observations in the first and last sentences cannot fail to be thoroughly appreciated. The writer should be made Chief of the Staff on the spot.

LAST Thursday an application was made before Mr. Justice Phear at the Calcutta High Court for a certificate that the *Habeas Corpus* question in the case of Ameer Khan and Hashmadad Khan was a proper one to appeal to the Privy Council. There was no opposition. His Lordship granted the certificate applied for.

SHARMAN'S CASE.

IT will probably interest many of our readers to know that Sharman, who was charged at the present Criminal Sessions in connection with the frauds in the P. W. D. at Poona, and whose case is traversed to next Sessions, has tendered the amount of bail required, and has accordingly been released.

THE LOOSHAI RAID.

THE Calcutta papers publish the following message received from General Bourchier by Government, dated 9th February 1871 :—

Second party 44th, fifty-five strong, leaves to-morrow for Monierkhall under Lieutenant Bourne to follow Captain Lightfoot's party up the Sonai in boats with 21 days' provisions. Head Quarters and remainder of 44th left Sylhet for Cachar this morning.

No later news of Mr. Edgar.

THE TELEGRAPH TARIFF.

AN advertisement in another column, from the Government Telegraph Department, intimates that from the 15th inst. telegrams for Europe by the British Indian Submarine and Indo-European Company's Lines will be subject to a charge of Rs. 16-8-0 for every message whether of 10 or 20 words, and of Rs. 8-4-0 for every 10 words or fractions of 10 words in excess of 20 words, in addition to the present rates. And it is added that the charges via Turkey remain unaltered. Have the two companies above-named not been precipitate and imprudent in combining to raise their charges without getting Government to do so for the Turkish line? It is understood that Government was not consulted in regard to the enhancement, and if the Turkish line by transmitting messages at the old rates acts as a check on unreasonable combination and monopoly the public will have reason for congratulation. The difference in the rates is so very serious that the Turkish line is certain to get all the traffic it can accommodate. We tabulate the figures for the sake of contrast :—

Route.	No. of Words	Present Charge.	Increase.	Revised Charge.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
Via Red Sea or via Russia	10	18 8 0	16 8 0	35 0 0
	20	28 8 0	16 8 0	45 0 0
	30	42 12 0	24 12 0	67 8 0
Via Turkey	10	18 8 0	.....	18 8 0
	20	28 8 0	.....	28 8 0
	30	42 12 0	.....	42 12 0

THE WAHABEE CASE.

(*Indian Mirror*, Feb. 10.)

YESTERDAY at the close of the address of the counsel in the case of Ameeroodeen, the alleged Wahabee prisoner, the officiating Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Bayley retired for a few minutes to consider whether they would call upon Mr. Graham, counsel for the prosecution, to address the Court in reply. After some consultation, the Chief Justice said that the Court had grave doubts about the genuineness of the letters said to have been written by the prisoner, but as independently of those letters there was, in the opinion of the Court, evidence to support the decision of the Sessions Judge, they did not think it necessary that Mr. Graham should then address the Court; but if necessary, Mr Graham would be sent for. Addressing the prisoner who was in tears all the while, their Lordships said that though his counsel had very ably conducted his case and said all that could be said, they were obliged to order him to be taken back to jail. Their Lordships will deliver their judgment in the course of the week, when we intend to offer our comments on the case.

THE INCOME TAX.

(COMMUNICATED.)

III.—WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH IT?

As we stated at the commencement of our first paper, we believe it to be settled that the income-tax should be continued, but if it is one of the principal benefits to be expected from the resolution of the 14th December, must continue illusory. As long as the income-tax remains, any new system of local rating is, or should be, out of the question. Para. 5 of the resolution runs as follows—"The Supreme Government is not in a position to understand fully local requirements, nor has it the knowledge necessary for the successful development of local resources. Each province has special wants of its own, and may have means of supplying them which could not be appropriated for imperial purposes. A tax adapted to the circumstances of one part of the country may be distasteful or inapplicable elsewhere; and everywhere rates may be proper for provincial or local purposes which would not be taken for the imperial revenue." One of the main arguments, to our mind—the principal argument in favour of the income-tax—has always been that any substitute proposed has always been negatived on the ground that it would be unsuitable to the whole of India. Such an answer was given, for instance, to the proposal of a succession tax, and it is easy to understand how difficult it is to propose any one tax to suit the varied conditions of the different divisions of the Indian Empire. The paragraph we have quoted removes this argument, and if it be granted that there are in every part of the Empire means of raising money less unpopular than an income-tax, then of course the latter has not a leg to stand on. That the income-tax is so unsuitable as it has been stated, and that the irritation caused by it as serious as the principal journals would have us to believe, the experience of the present writer has by no means taught him. That experience, however, has been limited to a small portion of one Presidency, and does not perhaps give us a right to an opinion. We must, however, concede so much from personal observation, namely, that the repeal of the income-tax would smooth the way to a greatly increased taxation by means of local rating, and that until the income-tax is repealed, any new system of direct rates cannot be other than extremely oppressive in the eyes of the people, while any imposition of such rates (in the shape, for instance, of municipal rating) is out of the question, except by means of what we have before denominated in this journal as "government by cajolery," that is, by a something between hectoring and coaxing on the part of the District Officers who preside at the municipal and local boards. Any new impost, however fair in its incidence, must necessarily appear more or less oppressive to those on whom it is levied, and the irritation caused by it likely to exceed by far any satisfaction felt at the repeal of the income-tax, and unless the local Governments can devise some tax which is more productive, and at the same time fairer than the income-tax, a repeal of the latter, after the machinery for its collection has been established, and the people—a people too who are the slaves of custom—have become in a manner used to it, would be for many reasons injudicious; but to keep it on, and to levy fresh taxes by local rating or under any other name would indeed prove to the world that in giving utterance to such a resolution as was issued on the 14th December, the voice might be the voice of Economy but the hands of the Government were the hands of Extravagance. The income-tax has been owned to be a bad tax, but it was pleaded that it was, under the then circumstances, a necessity. The necessity can no longer exist if other and more suitable taxes are to be levied by the local Governments. If they are not to be levied, to keep the income-tax on at a low rate with a due care that the injustice of last year shall not be repeated in its collection would probably be more judicious than a total repeal. The establishment of new taxes is the establishment of new grievances, and grievances which must reach a larger proportion of the population than the income-tax, if rightly administered. The difficulties of government in this country are, it must be confessed, very much underrated by its critics. On all sides is raised a cry of "Give, Give!" and by the same persons who raise the cry, any taking in the form of taxation is criticised with a severity which is, from such critics, most unfair. Manchester, and the prophets of the Manchester school, call loudly for railways, for irrigation, for aids to agriculture and commerce in every form. Philosophers and philanthropists of another school call equally loudly for education and enlightenment for a people on whom both have to be forced, and whose recognized exponents of public opinion—if we would take the native press at its own valuation—while joining loudly in the call, strenuously oppose any increased taxation to raise the necessary funds. The necessity for an extravagant expenditure—extravagant, that is, as compared with the present revenue—is so apparent, the objections that can be urged against any new form of taxation to provide the means for meeting that expenditure so endless. We can understand, therefore, the reluctance of the Imperial Government to do away entirely with the income tax, and as we have said unless the local Governments can devise better means of raising an increased revenue, we should think it unadvisable to do so. Our conclusion would be, therefore, to leave the income-tax at a low rate for the present, to count its proceeds as a separate item of the gross amount handed over to the local Governments, but to permit those Governments to supply its place—but not supplement it—by any system of taxation more suitable to local resources. Indian finance is a difficulty that requires a master's hand to deal with. The decentralization is so far a step in the right direction that it ought to lead to greater economy on the part of local Governments, the want of which economy is and has been the main cause of all our troubles. Hard as it has been proved, impossible as it seems to get one competent financier in and for all India, it would appear at first sight that our difficulties are so far rather increased than diminished in that we shall now want some sort of financial ability for each of the local Governments. The great difficulty of having to provide for the necessities for an unwieldy and mixed Empire will be, however, in a great measure done away with, and the greater difficulty, the extravagance of local Governments without any responsibility or incentive to economy, no longer exists. We can only conclude with a fervent hope that the supply of financial ability will meet the demand, and we must try, for the present, to keep our doubts on the subject to ourselves.

F.

BANK OF BENGAL.

STATEMENT of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal, for the week ending 7th February 1871 :—

LIABILITIES.

Proprietors' Capital, paid-up		Rs. 2,20,00,000	0 0
Reserve Fund		15,67,119	7 0
General Treasury Balance at Head Office	Rs. 2,07,89,972	9 7	
Do. at Branches, ,,	1,55,19,725	8 8	
		3,63,89,698	2 3
Other Deposits at Head Office & Branches		3,46,77,503	15 11
Bank Post Bills, &c.		6,14,833	4 11
Sundries		6,12,664	7 4
Total Rs.		9,58,61,819	5 5

ASSETS.

Government Securities		1,25,51,213	8 0
Loans on Government Securities at Head Office and Branches		57,03,087	3 9
Accounts of Credit on ditto ditto ditto		20,69,327	12 0
Mercantile Bills discounted at ditto ditto		1,61,13,710	13 7
Dead Stock		11,79,184	0 2
Stamps		14,745	2 0
Balances with other Banks		7,50,925	1 8
Sundries		2,23,473	2 11
		3,86,06,466	12 1
Cash and Currency Notes at Head Office	Rs. 2,01,74,900	0 11	
Cash and Currency Notes at Branches	Rs. 3,20,32,452	8 5	
		5,72,55,352	9 4
Total Rs.		9,58,61,819	5 5

The above statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ended the 7th February, compared with the statement of the previous week, gives the following results—;

LIABILITIES.

Genl. Try. Blce. at H. O.	Rs. 3,302,491	13	2 decrease
,, at Branches	43,599	11	5 decrease
Other Deposits	2,145,508	10	5 increase
Bank Post Bills	180,217	5	9 increase

ASSETS.

Government Securities	Rs. 182,414	8	0 increase
Loans on Govt. Secs	259,000	0	0 increase
Accounts on Credit of do	118,563	2	4 decrease
Mercantile Bills Discounted	1,193,878	10	5 increase
Cash, &c., at Head Office	1,258,905	13	2 decrease
Do at Branches	1,089,785	13	3 decrease.

COLABA OBSERVATORY.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS made at the Government Observatory, Colaba, latitude 18° 53' 30" N., long. 4h. 51m. 10s. E. Height of Barometer above the Sea = 37 feet.

Mean daily values derived from 24 hourly observations on 11th February.

Barometer corrected to 32 deg. Fah	841 in.
Temperature of the Air	76·7 ,,
Wet Bulb Thermometer	70·4 ,,
Dew Point	67·5 ,,
Relative Humidity of Air	74·5 ,,
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 8)	0·0 ,,
Maximum temperature of air (read at 9½ A.M.) on following day	84·7 ,,
Minimum do. do.	69·6 ,,
Gen. Direction of Wind—E, WSW, W, NW, NNW.	
Movement in 24 hours	883 miles.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE WAR.

LONDON, 10TH FEBRUARY.

The feeling in Paris is strongly in favour of the Orleans family.

The Duke d'Aumale has been elected for Beauvais and the Prince de Joinville for Cherbourg.

The Armistice has been prolonged.

A Berlin telegram received to-day states that the Germans claim an indemnity of three milliards of francs and that the boundary line is to be reduced.

The Queen opened Parliament yesterday in person.

LONDON, 12TH FEBRUARY.

The Emperor Napoleon has issued a proclamation to the French people.

The Budget for the English army is estimated at £15,851,700, being an increase of £2,886,700. The number of men is to be raised to 133,100, being an increase of 19,980.

A loan is to be raised to carry out a plan of defence around London and between London and the coast; also for fortifications at Dover and Harwich and for strengthening those at Malta.

LONDON, 13TH FEBRUARY.

The result of the Paris elections has not yet been published, but it is known that M.M. Lou

right ear and nostrils. I lifted the deceased up and called for some water. We poured it over her. Dr. Rogers shortly afterwards passed and got out of his gharree and attended her, but I think she was then dead. However, she was put into a buggy and sent to the Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Hospital. I did not recognise the object I saw as a child until I saw her lying in the road. My horse was not restive. I was going slowly at a pace of about six miles an hour. Before the child was knocked down, I heard some one in the road call out "Pice, pice." I cannot say to whom this caution was given. My attention was taken up by seeing that I got out of the man's way.

The jury upon the evidence came to the conclusion that the girl had come to her death by having been accidentally run over by a carriage, whereby her skull was fractured.

RUBATTINO'S S.S. ARABIA.

The Rubattino Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Arabia left Aden on Sunday afternoon. She may, therefore, be expected to arrive on the 20th inst.

SHIPPING AND PASSENGERS.

The s.s. Comorin, Captain D. G. Osborne, sailed yesterday for Kurrachee with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mrs. Herris, Rev. Mr. W. G. Fleunell, Mrs. Reid and infant, and fifteen deck passengers.

The P. and O. Co.'s s.s. Behar, Captain W. Blake, arrived yesterday from China, &c., with a general cargo and the following passengers:—From Hongkong—Mrs. Blake and Mr. J. M. Brito. From Galle—Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. W. Cooper.

MRS. H. RICHARDSON'S FAREWELL BENEFIT.

If any proof were needed of Mrs. Richardson's popularity, it was amply furnished on Saturday evening last at Grant Road Theatre. With the exception of the large attendance on the occasion of the Governor's recent visit, the numbers who attended were far greater than we remember to have seen for a very long time; and the hearty applause and demonstrations of goodwill which the *beneficiaire's* appearance on the stage called forth must have been as gratifying to her as we are sure they were to those who assisted on the occasion, and it gives us great pleasure to chronicle the marked success of the evening's performances, for the information of those who were unavoidably absent. The "pluck" and energy displayed by Mrs. Richardson (notwithstanding her ill-health) as Josephine, in the "Daughter of the Regiment," were quite surprising, and although the success with which she acted and rendered the very pretty music allotted to her must have been obtained ed at considerable, if not painful, exertion to herself, yet we doubt if she could, under the most favourable circumstances, have sung more sweetly or with greater taste—certainly not with more pleasure to the audience—than she did on Saturday. Mr. Richardson, as Father Scalade, was all that could be desired, and was as good an imitation of a grey-bearded and kindly-hearted old warrior as one can expect to see on the boards. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson were ably assisted by a lady and three gentlemen amateurs, one of whom, the gentleman who enacted the part of Guilliot, received special marks of approbation; and the support given in the choruses by some members of the 49th Regiment was of the greatest value. Mr. Birch afterwards enlivened the house by several of those clever and amusing delineations of character to which we called attention several days ago.

We trust the temporary retirement of Mrs. Richardson may result in the re-establishment of robust health, and a speedy return, with renewed and increased energies, to a field where she has deserved and won so much esteem and achieved so much success.

ST. PETER'S, MAZAGON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Towards the erection of a Parsonage and Schools, in connection with this parish, about Rs. 4,000 were raised in the years 1865-6; Government also making a grant of land—which is still available.

There is but little prospect of the original scheme being carried out just now; but it is proposed to undertake the building of the Parsonage only. Plans have accordingly been prepared—the execution of which is estimated at from Rs. 7,500 to Rs. 8,000.

The sum originally subscribed now amounts, with interest, to Rs. 4,500; and the local committee of the S. P. G. have guaranteed the payment of Rs. 100 monthly for 20 months from the 1st August next (in all Rs. 2,000), on the conditions that the plans and estimate shall be approved by them; that at least Rs. 1,000 shall be raised from the public; and that the building shall be completed by the end of July.

The only difficulty in the matter is the raising of the money. Will you therefore kindly allow me to appeal for help through your columns? Subscriptions will be thankfully received by me, or may be paid to the Oriental Bank Corporation, for the "Mazagon Parsonage and Schools Fund."—Yours faithfully,

W. H. HARPUR, Pastor.

Mazagon, 15th February.

THE BLIND RECEIVE THEIR SIGHT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—On my reading your Review on the Transactions of the Medical and Physical Society of Bombay for the year 1870, I find that you express a doubt about, if not a disbelief in, Dr. Sylvester's success in restoring the blind their sight. I therefore avail myself of the opportunity that is offered to me by the questions, "Can these things be? Do the blind receive their sight?" which you are tempted to ask, and betake myself to pen the following few lines with a view to their publication. The following account will, I trust, remove that doubt, and will not fail to verify the statements of Dr. Sylvester. On the first of June 1869 my wife was afflicted along with three other members of my family with sore eyes. We four had been from the beginning under the treatment of a well known medical practitioner, whose treatment for about a week relieved the three others from the pains and the inflammation which they suffered from. As for me there was no change for the better, but on the fifth day I perceived some dimness in my vision, which on the tenth so much increased, that I became almost blind and could neither distinguish light from darkness, nor could see to guide myself about. The medical practitioner under whose treatment I was introduced me to Dr. Sylvester, to whom I went on the fifteenth day. He on examination of my eyes pronounced the disease to be an incurable, and required me to remain in the Opthalmic Hospital. Before I went to Dr. Sylvester several medical practitioners were consulted, by whom also was my case considered as hopeless. My eyes were very much swollen, and not only that, but even the pupils were turned aside. My head and eyes were subject to excruciating pains. This total blindness continued for full two months. During this sickness the state of my mind, so full of fears and hopes, can be better conceived than described. But the worst feature of my case was that I used to pass sleepless nights. All narcotic specifics were tried but without any effect. I said I would rather prefer sleep to blindness, and was often reminded of the words of King Henry the Fourth:—

Sleep, gentle sleep,
Nature's soft nurse, how have I frighted thee,
That thou no more wilt weigh my eyelids down,
And steep my senses in forgetfulness?

Such was the miserable and dependent state I was reduced to. Physic, leeching, blistering, lotions and a variety of other remedies were tried. On two or three occasions I had to submit to surgical operations, and I must confess that he performed them so skilfully that I could hardly feel the touch of the lancet. After two months the pupils were perceptible, occupying their proper position; the swelling subsided, which enabled me to mark the progress in the vision. I must now candidly confess that it was owing solely to the kind and skilful treatment of an efficient and feeling doctor like Dr. Sylvester that I have been this day able to move in the world. I now enjoy the Divine blessing without which man's life is a "living death." I am now greatly relieved from all the pains in the eyes and am nearly restored to my former sight, so much so that I can see to a pretty good distance and can read small print without the aid of glasses. In conclusion I must observe that it was Dr. Sylvester who cured me of this hopeless disease, and I need hardly say has laid me under lasting obligations, which cannot be forgotten so long as I live and have my being in this world.—

Yours, &c., GAJANAN BHAWOO.

Bombay, 12th February.

[Our correspondent has mistaken an expression of admiration for an expression of doubt.]

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH OFFICE—13TH FEB., 9 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.
Via Russia, 13th Feb., 11-25 A.M., Greenwich time.
Time in transit, 1 hour 20 minutes.
Via Turkey, 9th Feb., 6-30 P.M., Greenwich time.
Time in transit, 83 hours 22 minutes.
Via Red Sea, 13th Feb., 12-20 P.M., Greenwich time.
Time in transit, 2 hours 58 minutes.

Latest dates from Continent of Europe.
Via Russia, 13th Feb., 4-8 P.M., Greenwich time.
Time in transit, 11 hours 27 minutes.
Via Red Sea, 13th Feb., 9-20 A.M., Greenwich time.
Time in transit, 2 hours 35 minutes.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 8 P.M. of the 12th to 8 P.M. of the 13th February is as follows:—

From	To Bombay	Max.	Min.
	Kurrachee	1 15	0 15
"	Calcutta	3 20	0 14
"	Madras	5 38	0 41
"	Galle	4 56	3 28

STEAMER REPORT.

Galle, 13th Feb., 10-35 A.M.—French steamer Ava from Aden arrival.

THE ATTEMPT TO ENDANGER A RAILWAY TRAIN.

Last week at the Girgaum Police Court, Bastio Domingo Souza and Antone Caitan Souza were brought up on remand, and charged with wilfully doing an act, intending thereby to cause the safety of persons travelling or being upon the G.I.P. Railway to be endangered.

Mr. Cleveland represented the company; and Mr. Leith and Mr. Venayekrow defended the prisoners.

Succaram Krishna said—I am a cowherd, and live at Matoonga. On Tuesday last the 7th inst., about 8 or 9 A.M., myself, Narayan, Bastio, and Mhadia were by the side of the rail. I know both prisoners. I saw the second prisoner on Tuesday. I did not see the first prisoner. He and Antone were attending the cattle at one place. About 8 A.M., Antone went near the line and put this chair on it. It was lying near the water-pipe. Antone went near the water-pipe to drink water, and he took the chair from there, put it on the rail, and came away quickly. I was a long way off. I saw something on the rail, and I asked him what it was. He replied it is iron. I said to him, "The passenger gharry will come, and injury will be caused to them." He then said, "I will run away to Tanna, you will be caught; and how shall I be caught?" I was looking at the second prisoner, and I saw him put this iron chair on the rail. He was alone. I did not see the first prisoner with him. If he (first prisoner) had been there, I would have seen him, but he was not there. The second prisoner ran away, and I went home with my cattle. I know this keyman, (Dhondoo Essoo) by sight. He came after the second prisoner ran away. The sahib's lorry came first, and then Dhondoo's came. He did not come before. Bastio, who was with me, did not run away; he came with me. Dhondoo may have seen Antone run away. I saw this sahib (Mr. Inspector Smith) on Tuesday, and spoke to him. I told him what I had seen. The prisoners were close by and heard what I said to the sahib. I told Mr. Smith that the first prisoner was not there. Antone was present when I said all this to the sahib, and he admitted that he did put the iron on the rail. The first prisoner said he did not put the iron chair on the rail. I went on Wednesday morning to the Byculla station. This chair was shown to me by Mr. Smith. The second prisoner admitted then that he did put this iron chair on the rail, while the first prisoner said he was not there.

Cross-examined by Mr. Smith—The lorry came in about an hour after the chair was put on the rail. Antone came back to me, and because I saw something high on the rail, I asked him what it was. I saw Antone lift, and I also saw him put something on the rail. I did not remove the chair from the rail, as I was afraid the sepoy would seize me and beat me, and accuse me of having put it on the rail. The sahib came in the lorry, but he did not say anything to me or to any one else. The men who were in the lorry saw us; they did not beckon to us; I could not hear what they were saying. We were caught at the tank.

Sambhoo Dholoo said—I am a muccadam to the Permanent Way Inspector. On Tuesday morning, about 9 o'clock, I was in a lorry going to the Mahim junction. Two lorrymen and a sahib were with me, also one Saccaram Gopal. The lorry was being pushed quickly, as a train was to come, and I saw the iron chair on the line. It was on the rail, upside down. If a train had come up, it would have been broken or upset and damaged. The ballast train was to come after us. After the chair was removed and the lorry went on, the ballast train came up. It had not to stop on account of the chair. Saccaram removed the chair in my presence, and put it on the ground, and I gave it to Mr. Vaisey. Mr. Vaisey took it with him in the lorry.

The magistrate adjourned the case for further enquiry.

MR. NOWROZJEE FURDOONJEE AND MR. GLADSTONE.

What Mr. Nowrozjee Furdoonjee wrote lately to Mr. Gladstone may interest some of our readers:—

To the Right Hon'ble W. E. Gladstone, &c.,

Right Hon'ble Sir,—Matters of the highest importance, affecting the interests of 150 millions of Her Majesty's subjects in British India, induce me to crave your indulgence for trespassing on your valuable time and attention. Having been deputed from Bombay for the purpose of soliciting the authorities in this country to relieve the people of India from the burden of excessive and odious taxation recently imposed by the Government of India, and to place the finances on a sound and satisfactory footing, I consider it my duty to bring to your prominent notice the following facts and circumstances, and request you to have the goodness to adopt such measures as may be necessary with a view to provide an adequate remedy for the grievances of the people of India. For several years past the finances of India have been in a state of deplorable embarrassment caused by enormous and increasing deficits.

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This has produced universal discontent and disaffection among all classes of Her Majesty's subjects throughout India, who appeal to you as the head of Her Majesty's Government for that relief which they have failed to obtain from the local Government. The consequences resulting from the system and policy on which the Government of India is being conducted are, I grieve to say, deplorable. The people are burdened with heavy taxes; India is impoverished by the drain of its wealth to the governing country; the people are denied an honourable career by being shut out from all the higher offices in the public service of their country, and no adequate efforts are made to rescue the people from ignorance, improve their condition, and increase the produce and develope the resources of the country. Matters have now come to a crisis which urgently calls for your interference. Your experience, ability, and position are such as to enable you successfully to provide an efficacious remedy for the evils from which the people of India have long been suffering. I beg leave to respectfully submit to your consideration the following remedial measures which are calculated to give relief to the people of India and place the administration of public affairs on a sound and satisfactory footing:—

First—It is necessary to provide a check in India against unnecessary increase of taxation and expenditure, and to give to the representatives of different classes of Her Majesty's subjects an effective voice in the imposition of taxes, the disposal of the revenue, and the enactment of laws. At present about two natives and two non-official Europeans are admitted into the Supreme Legislative Council of India, the large majority of that body being composed of the Members of the Government who frame the Budget, which is introduced into the Council only as a matter of form, the few non-official members not being expected to modify, curtail, or reject any of the items of ways and means and expenditure. It is therefore necessary to re-organize and enlarge the Supreme and Local Councils, with a view to provide a salutary check and to give an effective voice to the representatives of the people. It is advisable to admit a sufficiently large number of representatives by nomination as well as election. The Viceroy of India and his executive Council might have the power annually to fix the amount that might be necessary for the expenses of the Military Department and Diplomatic service; but the balance of the revenue should be apportioned among, and disbursed by, the Local Councils (which should be enlarged) and by the administrations. The Supreme and Local Budgets ought to be fully discussed before being passed by the respective Councils and then consolidated by the Supreme Government.

Secondly—The admission of qualified natives of India into the higher grades of the service of their country, from which they are now practically excluded, would open to them an honourable and useful career.

Thirdly—It is necessary to ask Parliament to appoint select committees of both Houses to enquire into the administration of India in all its different departments since the transfer of the Government from the Hon'ble the East India Company to the direct Sovereignty of the Crown, and to report the result.

The whole subject of taxation and expenditure in the Public Works, Military, Revenue and other departments; the equitable adjustment of the financial relations between England and India; the admission of natives to a larger share in the Government; the constitution and working of the Supreme and Local Executive and Legislative Councils,—all require a sifting investigation by a competent body. As it will be difficult and almost impossible to procure the *viva voce* examination of qualified and independent natives in this country, the select committee should be authorized to procure their testimony, views and opinions from India in regard to the various heads of enquiry.

When the Indian Budget was brought forward in the House of Commons in August last it gave me and my countrymen great gratification to find that you expressed yourself favourably in regard to the necessity and utility of such an enquiry. If you will be kind enough to take the abovementioned matters into your favourable consideration and authorize the introduction of measures for giving to the people of India such relief and justice as they might be entitled to, you will remove the cause of their discontent and confer an everlasting obligation on Her Majesty's Indian subjects, who are loyal in their allegiance to the British Crown and grateful for the numerous blessings and benefits which they enjoy under the British rule.

I beg to submit for your consideration the accompanying copy of the Memorial lately addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India by the native inhabitants of Bombay regarding the taxation, expenditure and financial management of India.

Trusting you will be pleased to excuse me for intruding on your valuable time,—I have, &c.,

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London, Dec. 21.

To Nowrozjee Furdoonjee, Esq.

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W. H. BENTHALL.

India Office, Jan. 12

TELEGRAPH LINE REPORTS.

Kurrachee, 13th Feb., 9 P.M.—Latest dates from United Kingdom via Russia, 13th Feb., 11-55 A.M.; via Turkey, 10th Feb., 11-7 P.M. From Continent of Europe, America via Russia, 13th Feb., 5 A.M.; via Russia, 13th Feb., 2-45 P.M.; via Turkey, 11th Feb., 9-30 P.M. Cable right to Fao; Turkish line right to Pera; clear beyond; Persian line right to London.

A EUROPEAN CHARGED WITH HAVING RECEIVED A GRATIFICATION.

At the Criminal Sessions on Saturday, before Mr. Justice Bayley and a special jury, Mr. Harry Heald Mainwaring Hewett was charged with having, on 7th May 1870, at Bhosawul, then being a public servant and overseer in the Local Funds Department, Khandeish, accepted from one Rahim Cassum for himself a certain gratification other than a legal remuneration, Rs. 400, as a motive for showing, in the exercise of his official functions, favour to the said Rahim Cassum, and also with putting Rahim Cassum in fear of injury, and thereby dishonestly inducing him to deliver to him certain property, Rs. 400.

On the case being called, the defendant was not required to go into the dock, and was accommodated with a chair behind his solicitor.

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The Judge here remarked that the depositions were very voluminous.

Mr. Anstey—I must say I was bewildered by going through the different suits.

The Judge—Well, I understood a few days ago that the witnesses had arrived, and that all parties would be ready this morning.

Mr. Anstey said he had thought so too, but he had not got his brief till the previous evening.

The Judge—Then do I understand you to say, Mr. Anstey, that you are not in a position to do justice to your client?

Mr. Anstey said he would not like to jeopardise the young man from this state of unpreparedness. He had sat up half the night looking over the case, but he had not got through nearly the whole of it.

The Judge said that under these circumstances he would postpone the case till Monday morning.

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The Judge—That is not a case which would require locking up. That is not felony under the old law.

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Now, it may be said that Rahim having given this money was to a certain extent an accomplice in the alleged crime with which the accused is charged, but there is the necessary amount of corroboration to show that certain moneys were actually given to the accused, and taken away by him that cart and put into the box in his tent. That being so, the money being traced to his hands, and the charge having been brought before you of having received it as a gratification, it is for him to discharge himself of the accusation by showing that the money came into his hands lawfully, and not as a gratification as alleged. Then it may be said—What can be the object of the accused giving this money to Rahim? That is very clear. You will hear that the accused was the person who either passed or condemned the work done by contractors, and likewise you will be told by Rahim that if he had not given certain sums out of the advances he received, he would not have received any advance at all; and likewise you will hear from other people that if he had not consented to give this money out of the advances, he would never have been employed as a contractor in the Local Funds Department. I should tell you that Rahim, some days after this, was found to have received advances upon the Bhosawul dhurrumsalla considerably in advance of the work he had done; in fact when the work was measured up, he was found to have received about double the amount that he ought to have received, namely, Rs. 14,000, while he should only have received about Rs. 9,000. All these advances were made to him by the accused. When this was found out, Rahim was turned out of his contract, and an investigation took place in the Local Funds Department, and in consequence of statements made some people were taken into custody, and then Rahim made the complaint against the accused which has caused him now to be before you on the present charge.

The Judge—Was Rahim taken into custody?

Mr. Ferguson—I believe so, my Lord. So that here, gentlemen, it may possibly be said that you have an accusation made against accused by a man who was in reality a discharged servant. That is no doubt so, but at the same time the charge was not made against the accused immediately. Nothing was said about it for some time afterwards, till enquiries came on, and this man only made this charge against the accused after being taken into custody. Gentlemen, no doubt that will be brought very strongly before you on the part of the defence, and it will be for you to look very closely to the whole of the evidence to see whether or not you can implicitly believe Rahim. You will have him before you, and thus have an opportunity of judging whether or not he is speaking the truth; but if you find that the money did get into the hand of the accused, it will be for him to show that the money got into his hands legally. Now there is no memo. in the books of the accused, and no mention on any paper found of any advances at this time to the accused. These gents nothing to show that they had made advances to the accused. There is an entry of the Rs. 3,000 in the books, but there is nothing to show that any advances were made to the accused about that time with the exception of one advance of Rs. 1-4. Now, gentlemen, I believe these are the whole of the facts of the case which I shall be able to lay before you on the part of the prosecution. I do not desire to, nor can I, anticipate the defence more than to say that the rule is that if money is traced into the possession of a man, and it is charged that the money got into his possession in an unlawful way, it is for him to show that he came by that money in a lawful way. I do not lay any stress upon that, because very often a prisoner charged before a magistrate thinks it more prudent to reserve his defence till he is brought before the Judge; but up to this time the prisoner has not discharged himself nor tried to disprove the charge.

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Well, gentlemen, you will hear that the accused stayed in the house of Rahim till about the middle of the night, and towards the middle of the night before the accused left witnesses will tell you there was some conversation between the accused and Rahim in which it appeared that the accused was pressing Rahim to make him some payment out of this Rs. 3,000, and that Rahim for some time refused, but ultimately consented to do so. Well, you will hear that after this accused borrowed Rahim's bullock-gharry to go to Nusseerabad, and left about the middle of the night, accompanied by the driver of the gharry and a peon. Several witnesses will tell you that when he left the house a bag supposed to contain money was put into the bullock-gharry. Rahim supplies the evidence necessary to show what that was, because he tells you that this cloth contained Rs. 400, and that that was the gratification which he was giving to the accused out of the Rs. 3,000 which he had just received. All the witnesses who were present there agree that this bag was put into the bullock gharry, and that it was taken out again when the gharry reached Nusseerabad. The peon and the bullock-driver will tell you that on nearing Nusseerabad the accused got out of the gharry and mounted his horse and rode to his tent, and that when the gharry reached the tent they took out of it the bag, which they took into the tent of the accused. The peon will tell you that he placed the money on the top of a box in the tent, and said to the accused, "I have brought the money," and on this the accused said, "All right, it is Government money; put it into that box." According to the key of the box, we sent for from the Subedar of the accused, and the money put into the box. Now, it may be said that Rahim having given this money was to a certain extent an accomplice in the alleged crime with which the accused is charged, but there is the necessary amount of corroboration to show that certain moneys were actually given to the accused, and taken away by him that cart and put into the box in his tent. That being so, the money being traced to his hands, and the charge having been brought before you of having received it as a gratification, it is for him to discharge himself of the accusation by showing that the money came into his hands lawfully, and not as a gratification as alleged. Then it may be said—What can be the object of the accused giving this money to Rahim? That is very clear. You will hear that the accused was the person who either passed or condemned the work done by contractors, and likewise you will be told by Rahim that if he had not given certain sums out of the advances he received, he would not have received any advance at all; and likewise you will hear from other people that if he had not consented to give this money out of the advances, he would never have been employed as a contractor in the Local Funds Department. I should tell you that Rahim, some days after this, was found to have received advances upon the Bhosawul dhurrumsalla considerably in advance of the work he had done; in fact when the work was measured up, he was found to have received about double the amount that he ought to have received, namely, Rs. 14,000, while he should only have received about Rs. 9,000. All these advances were made to him by the accused. When this was found out, Rahim was turned out of his contract, and an investigation took place in the Local Funds Department, and in consequence of statements made some people were taken into custody, and then Rahim made the complaint against the accused which has caused him now to be before you on the present charge.

The Judge—Was Rahim taken into custody?

Mr. Ferguson—I believe so, my Lord. So that here, gentlemen, it may possibly be said that you have an accusation made against accused by a man who was in reality a discharged servant. That is no doubt so, but at the same time the charge was not made against the accused immediately. Nothing was said about it for some time afterwards, till enquiries came on, and this man only made this charge against the accused after being taken into custody. Gentlemen, no doubt that will be brought very strongly before you on the part of the defence, and it will be for you to look very closely to the whole of the evidence to see whether or not you can implicitly believe Rahim. You will have him before you, and thus have an opportunity of judging whether or not he is speaking the truth; but if you find that the money did get into the hand of the accused, it will be for him to show that the money got into his hands legally. Now there is no memo. in the books of the accused, and no mention on any paper found of any advances at this time to the accused. These gents nothing to show that they had made advances to the accused. There is an entry of the Rs. 3,000 in the books, but there is nothing to show that any advances were made to the accused about that time with the exception of one advance of Rs. 1-4. Now, gentlemen, I believe these are the whole of the facts of the case which I shall be able to lay before you on the part of the prosecution. I do not desire to, nor can I, anticipate the defence more than to say that the rule is that if money is traced into the possession of a man, and it is charged that the money got into his possession in an unlawful way, it is for him to show that he came by that money in a lawful way. I do not lay any stress upon that, because very often a prisoner charged before a magistrate thinks it more prudent to reserve his defence till he is brought before the Judge; but up to this time the prisoner has not discharged himself nor tried to disprove the charge.

The first witness, Rahim Cassum, was then called, but before his examination commenced,

Mr

THE RED PRINCE.

In writing of Prince Frederick Charles, German biographers can find no words strong enough to describe the pride and affection borne towards him by the Prussian army. He is "*der Preussische Bayard*," "*der Abgott der Soldaten*," "*ein Führer durch und durch*." And if it be true that Bayard counselled and practised the giving no quarter to arquebusiers, we have no objection to the application of any of these titles to the Red Prince. It would be strange if he were not idolized by his troops, for he is at once a strict disciplinarian and an invariably successful leader, and soldiers approve of, and even delight in, the sternest discipline when it manifestly conduces to victory. Moreover, though minutely solicitous about his soldiers' comfort, he is when on service extremely indifferent to his own. While his cousin the Crown Prince is surrounded even on a campaign with royal state and magnificence, Prince Frederick Charles puts his pride in discarding all luxury, and even all parade that is not purely military and necessary to the prestige of a Commander-in-Chief. Hardy and abstemious he cheerfully partakes on occasion all the discomforts and privations to which his men may be exposed. In short, the Red Prince is a soldier by taste as well as by education and from circumstances, and is never so congenially employed as when in the field It is quite natural, therefore, that he should be adored by soldiers, but it is equally natural that his character should evoke little sympathy in the German people apart from their national pride in his victories.

Odimus accipitrem quia semper vivit in armis;

and a prince with great talents for war, and who loves war for its own sake, is not a pleasant personage to contemplate as at the head of the most formidable army in Europe. The Prussian Bayard exhibits no doubt a decorous respect for bravery, tenacity, and ability in an enemy, when that enemy is of orthodox military caste, but for irregular courage such as that of a mere population arming to repel invasion he is cruelly intolerant. In fact, while acknowledging the Red Prince's great military qualities we will not conceal our distaste for his character. If he were a mere soldier of fortune we should have only praise for the singleness with which he gives himself up to his profession, but in a prince so near the throne of so intellectual a people as the Prussians (or we should rather say the Germans), he jars on the sympathy as an unamiable resurrection from the days of violence and barbarism. With regard to the degree of his military ability there is some difference of opinion among military critics, but for our own part we have no doubt that if not of the highest, it is of a very high order. He may have no inspirations, no flashes of genius, but he has an almost infallible foresight and leaves nothing to fortune. If the Duke of Wellington's dictum were conclusive, that "the greatest general is he who makes the fewest great blunders," Prince Frederick Charles would perhaps be the very greatest general that ever lived, for he makes none—not even that of too much deliberation. His caution is very far indeed from excluding vigour.

The military history of a prince of a great royal house is of course too widely diffused in Almanacs and Army Lists to permit of novelty in its statement. We therefore only append a few dates, the milestones in his prosperous and victorious march. Prince Frederick Charles, the only son of Prince Charles, who was himself the third son of King Frederick-William III., was born on the 20th March 1828. As a child he was the pet and plaything of his uncle King Frederick-William IV., who used to laugh fondly at his precocious *militariness*, calling him sometimes his "Frederick the Little" and sometimes his "young Charles the Twelfth" (of Sweden). His education though carefully conducted in all respects was from the first specially directed to a military career. It is difficult to say with precision when he actually entered the army, since he held some honorary military appointments at the age of 13, but it is certain that he saw fire, and behaved with admirable coolness under it, at the age of 20, in the first Schleswig-Holstein campaign. In the following year he served in Baden and the Palatinate on the staff of the Prince of Prussia (the present King William). In 1860 he was already lieutenant-general in command of a division; and this early promotion was quite justified in the opinion of the army by his eminent capacity—especially by the good sense and special knowledge exhibited in a pamphlet, on the Reorganization of the Prussian Army, which he had published in that year at Frankfort. In 1861 he was made general-in-chief of the cavalry and chief of the 3rd army-corps. He commanded in chief in the iniquitous war against Denmark in 1864, and commanded the 1st Army in the war of 1866 with Austria. After the fall of Metz last year he received, at the same time as his cousin the Crown Prince, the unprecedented promotion (for a Prussian prince) to the rank of Field Marshal.—*Pioneer.*

SIR WILLIAM DENISON.

We regret to learn that Sir William Denison who was taken ill on Wednesday, died yesterday morning (Jan. 19). He was brother of the Speaker of the House of Commons and of the late Bishop of Salisbury. He was a man of remarkable energy, and in addition to considerable military scientific learning, he possessed great administrative abilities. He had occupied many high appointments in the colonies. He was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen's Land in June, 1846, when he received the honour of knighthood. He was subsequently Governor-General of New South Wales, and was Governor of Madras from November, 1860, to March, 1866, and was temporarily Governor-General of India from the death of the Earl of Elgin to the arrival of Sir John Lawrence in January, 1864. The late Sir William Denison was the third son of the late Mr. John Denison, M.P., of Ossington Hall, Notts, by his second wife, daughter of Mr. Samuel Eastwicke. He was married to a daughter of Admiral Sir William Phipps Hornby, K.C.B. He entered the army in 1826, and became a colonel in the Royal Engineers on the 20th of September, 1860.—*Times.*

WAR NOTES AND INCIDENTS.

Some painful incidents connected with the bombardment are related in Paris letters. The clergy of the school of St. Nicholas, just behind the Polytechnic, fearing some accident, had written a circular to the parents of the scholars to take them away, but unfortunately this warning was generally unheeded, and nearly 1,000 boys remained at the establishment. A shell fell into it, killed six and wounded a number of others. A family which had fled from Choisy le Roi, and taken refuge in Paris, was sitting round the table at breakfast when a shell fell among them, killed the children, mortally wounded the father, and tore away both the mother's arms. The poor woman was conveyed to the hospital of La Pitié.

The German troops, according to a Berlin paper, now occupy, not partially but completely, thirty-two of the eighty-six French departments, comprising 15,000 communes. They exercise in these all civil and military powers, control the posts, telegraphs, and railways, and regularly collect the taxes. The German forces on French soil comprise, according to the calculation of another paper, 691 battalions, with 575,100 men; 424 cavalry squadrons, with 66,400 men; 280 batteries, with 74,100 men and 1,680 guns; and 12,600 engineers, making a total of 728,000 men. The effective strength on the 1st inst. was about 510,000 men, and so many reserves are being sent that it will hardly fall below this number. Sixty-two landwehr battalions from the old provinces and 62 battalions from the new provinces and Saxony are available for active service if required.

One of the *Times* correspondents relates an incident illustrating the demoralized condition of Chanzy's army. Two dragoons found themselves surrounded and about to be taken prisoners by thirty Mobiles. One of them could speak a little French, and one of the French soldiers was an Alsatian who could speak German; there was thus no difficulty in communicating. The dragoons refused to surrender on an entirely new and original ground. "If we go with you," said they, "we shall share your discomfort, but if you come with us you will share our comforts and escape all the dangers and hardships of the war. On the whole, you will gain far more by letting us take you than by making prisoners of us." This reasoning proved irresistible, and the two dragoons rode back to their regiment with their thirty Mobiles following them like sheep.

A correspondence has recently taken place between Count Bismarck and General Trochu with respect to cases of alleged violation of flags of truce. Count Bismarck complained of these violations, and specifically of one which took place at the bridge of Sevres on the 23rd of December, and insisted that unless more severe measures were taken they could not any longer submit to these infringements. General Trochu replied that a searching inquiry had failed to verify the allegation in Count Bismarck's note, and he retaliated by similar allegations against the Germans. At the same time, he added:—"We have always considered these isolated acts as unavoidable, notwithstanding the greatest precaution, and the Governor has never dreamt of considering these acts as intentional on the part of the enemy, or as the consequence of any want of discipline in the Prussian army, which he acknowledges exists."

The peasemeal sausage which has played so great a part in provisioning the German army is made at Berlin on a large scale. The *Volkszeitung* announces that the embezzlements which have taken place in the factory have assumed such large proportions that extraordinary measures have been resorted to with a view to discovering the authors of the defalcations. By placing secret agents among the workmen in the factory, a regular plot was discovered which had accomplices in all classes of the employés. Not only had flitches of bacon been thus made away with, but whole quarters of beef, peasemeal, and flour. The revision of the accounts necessitated by the defalcations has proved that the expenses for raw material, salaries, &c., amount to 15,000,000 thalers. The factory has issued 11,000,000 sausages up to the present time. The servants of the establishment have been changed, and the work is resumed. The superintendence is now so well organized that abuses will become impossible. One hundred and fifty head of cattle are slaughtered daily to supply the amount of beef required.

A French paper vouches for the authenticity of an extract from a letter from General Changarnier, stating that Prince Napoleon had made overtures to him at Brussels respecting a Bonapartist restoration. "Plon-Plon," the General is said to have written, "after many compliments impossible to be repeated, about my importance and my renown, Plon-Plon added, 'You alone can save France, and put an end to this war. The Empress is but *vacherute* (sic). You must be Regent, and bring back the little Prince. I can guarantee you the assent of Prussia and Bismarck. You will assemble on the frontier 150,000 of our prisoners, commanded by generals of your own choosing. When you shall have executed the members of the provisional Government and some few hundred other scoundrels, order will be permanently restored. If you agree to this proposal I have an agent ready to take the news at once to Count Bismarck.' 'Prince,' I replied to him, 'I have done with romancing, and will not put my hand to such an absurd romance as this'—and then I showed him the way down stairs.'"

The Brussels correspondent of the *Daily News* says that with the prisoner of Wilhelmshöhe restoration to the throne has become a fixed idea, and to arrive at it he is said to have imagined the division of Belgium, whose Flemish provinces are to be handed over to Holland, while the cession of the Walloon provinces to France is to compensate her for the abandonment to Germany of Alsace, and part of Lorraine without Metz, which is to remain French, but to be dismantled. It is impossible to believe that such an arrangement could even for a moment be seriously entertained by Count Bismarck. But it is to be feared on the one hand, that he may, like most able players at games of skill, become enamoured of difficulties; and on the other hand, German newspapers, the *Cologne Gazette* among others, have lately and rather inopportunely spoken of what they choose to designate as a Flemish question. The Belgians, after having done their utmost in the scrupulous fulfilment of the duties of neutrality, are somewhat impatient at being annoyed by *ballons d'essai*, of Bonapartist or any other origin.

The *Kriegs-Zeitung*, which has lately appeared again at Berlin, draws special attention to the correspondence from Versailles of the *Kreuz-Zeitung*, from which, says the editor, it is clear that the chief difficulty the Prussian batteries have to contend with is in the novel mode of defending the enciente adopted by the garrison. There are, according to this writer, a vast number of temporary batteries in front of, between and even behind the forts, connected with one another by breastworks, but not constantly armed with guns. The batteries employed in them are moveable, and can at any moment be transported from any one to the next; so that as soon as the German gunners have discovered one to be fully armed and opened a heavy fire, the first shots that are found to be properly laid upon it are the signal for the battery to be off and resume its dangerous work elsewhere. This ruse, often repeated, has led to a vast waste of German shells, fired in hopes of disarming batteries which had in reality been dismantled long before. The editor adds that this is an actual and important novelty in the defence of fortresses.

A STRANGE STORY.

A curious story, which might easily have been converted into a tragedy, was told me the other day by a gentleman who had the best of all reasons for knowing its exact truth. The facts have been kept very quiet in society, for reasons which will be presently apparent to my readers; but I am able to vouch for their authenticity. Some few weeks ago, the Hon'ble B——S——, a man of good family, justly esteemed by all who know him for his amiable qualities, and holding a position of much popularity in the House of Commons, was most unhappily seized with an attack of mental aberration. The house of Mr. S—— is one of the most delightful of the many delightful country houses of which Yorkshire can boast, and it was at the time at which this unhappy event occurred, full of visitors. The first symptom of their host's madness was his sudden perambulation of the corridors at the dead of night with the dinner gong—that "tocsin of the soul," as Byron would have called it, which he beat mercilessly at the doors of all his guests! Need I say that he produced no small consternation by his act. Next morning, however, he was calmer, and his friends, who had sent for a medical man, were inclined to believe that the paroxysm had been merely temporary. In the meantime he remained perfectly quiet and calm in his own room, attended only by his favourite nephew, a young man of great promise, and, as the event shows, of no small presence of mind also. Suddenly, while these two were sitting together chatting, the unfortunate uncle rose, locked the door, and drawing from his pocket a razor, informed his nephew that he was about to kill him. The effect produced by his announcement was somewhat startling, and for a moment the youth was thoroughly unnerved. "Don't be alarmed, Charles," said the maniac, "I must do it, you know, but it shall be done regularly. Nobody shall suppose you have committed suicide; we'll write an account of the affair for the papers, and you shall say what you like in it." Charles seeing his opportunity, seized his pen, and proceeded, at his uncle's dictation, to write an account of his own murder! When he had finished, his would-be assassin said, "Now sign it, and it shall be read at the inquest as a justification of you," and with that he opened the razor, and prepared for his ghastly work. The young man signed his name; then suddenly exclaimed, "We must have a witness uncle, or they'll think that my signature is forged." "A witness! to be sure: cried Mr. S.——"I never thought of that: we'll have Brown, the butler." Hanging the bell, and opening the door, admitted a servant who soon succeeded in disarming him with the assistance of the nephew, whose life had unquestionably been saved by his presence of mind. I am happy to be able to add, by way of sequel to the story, that Mr. S.—— is now entirely restored to health.—*London Correspondent of the Indian Daily News.*

HOW FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE TIMES."

Sir,—In your columns of to-day much space is occupied to make the public believe that a scientific correspondent escaped from a terrific gale on board Her Majesty's ship Urgent on the 6th of December last.

I was a passenger on board Her Majesty's ship Urgent, and, as a sailor, feel it my duty to give my opinion, and wish to let the public know that there was nothing exceptional to be said about the gale we met off the coast of Portugal to warrant the liberty of taking up so much of people's time with a landsman's impression of his first gale at sea.

We were favoured with most beautiful weather from the moment of leaving Spithead all across the dreaded "Bay of Biscay O!" until we rounded Cape Finisterre, on the night of December 6. We had to struggle against a strong gale from the southward. It blew a strong gale for six hours. In the middle of the night the tiller ropes, which, being new, had stretched, required to be set up taut. In performing this operation the engines were stopped, and the ship fell off her course, which brought her broadside on to the swell for a short time. Consequently, the ship did roll; things which were not properly secured fetched way, some little water was shipped, and other every-day scenes of sea-life in a gale occurred; but I never could see any comparison between our position and that of Her Majesty's ship Captain, or any of the "awfuls" which your correspondent pictures.

My opinion is that the voyage was a very fine one, and lucky will be the passenger who will get the "clerk of the weather" to insure him a voyage to Gibraltar in the winter under the same favourable conditions of weather as we were so highly favoured with.

The case was that our scientific expedition was composed of about thirty gentlemen who were strangers to the freaks of Father Neptune. Everything was marvellous in their eyes, and some made copious notes of all they saw and were told. I never shall forget those note-books, at every turn of the deck there you saw being dotted down every minutiæ. I believe that every time the fishes were fed is recorded. Jack, who is up to a joke, gulled the landsmen by telling them the gale was a hurricane, we were shipping heavy seas, ship making water, &c., until each landsman thought himself a hero; then came the practical joke of giving out that the sternpost was going, all this amid a smash of crockery and gentlemen without sea legs.

On the return voyage we had a worse gale. On rounding Cape Finisterre it was very satisfactory to observe what good weather the Urgent made of it, and made four knots against a gale right in her teeth.

But what I consider is more right and fitting that the country should know is that the Eclipse Expedition to Oran, Gibraltar, and Cadiz have reason for deep gratitude to the Government for the great liberality by which we were provided with the means of getting to Oran at the public expense, and most especially to the authorities at the Admiralty for selecting a very commodious and suitable ship, with everything necessary for our comfort; also for the kindness and patient attention shown us by the captain and officers of the Urgent.—I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

ERASMUS OMMANNEY, Rear-Admiral.

6, Talbot-square, W., Jan. 18.

[We are sure no landsman will regret to have had the gale described by a fellow-landsman, instead of by a seaman so accustomed to the sea as to see nothing wonderful in anything. It is indeed the old story of "Eyes and No Eyes." Ed. *Times.*]

A SEA-GOING TURRET SHIP.

Mr. Frank Haddan, of the Admiralty, has prepared a design by which he hopes to render a low freeboard ship, like the Captain, capable of cruising under sail without danger.

Mr. Haddan proposes, in the first place, to extend the hurricane deck laterally to the full width of the vessel, since it has been proved in evidence that the Captain could not be handled quickly under sail on account of the insufficiency of her deck area. The sides of the hurricane deck, thus widened, will be made to push back under the central portion by means of sliding girders, and when drawn out they will receive and fix the upper part of rising sides or moving bulwarks, which are to be hinged to and raised from the fighting deck, or lowered and permitted to rest on its surface. When these bulwarks are raised, and resting against the widened hurricane deck, they will give a freeboard of 17ft., instead of one of 6ft., and an angle of immersion of the upper deck of 35 degrees, instead of 14 degrees, thus greatly increasing the stability of the ship when under sail. When the ship is required for action, the bulwarks will fall upon the fighting deck, so that the guns may fire over them, and the sides of the hurricane deck will be pushed beneath the centre, so as to afford the usual low freeboard of a fighting Monitor.

Mr. Haddan further proposes to work the guns on a different method to that used in the Captain, and by this to diminish the height of the turrets above the fighting level; the weight thus saved compensating for that of the rising bulwarks and expanding hurricane deck. His plan is to arm the turrets with muzzle-pivoting guns mounted on the *barbette* or Moncrieff system, but so constructed that they and the turret can be bodily lowered to any required extent, thereby avoiding the necessity for the use of any form of ballast for cruising under sail. The lowering of the guns might also be usefully employed as a means of raising the sides and of widening the hurricane deck. By adopting the *barbette* system under turrets protection would be afforded to the guns when in the act of firing, and not only in the act of loading, as done by Moncrieff; while the gunners would also be screened from rifle shots. As the guns would be loaded below the fighting deck, the size of the turrets would also be reduced in diameter, and in this way weight would be again saved.

The chief novelty in Mr. Haddan's design is the mobility of the bulwarks, not their employment. A sum of over £15,000 has been expended in merely fitting temporary bulwarks to enable the Cerberus to cross the ocean to Australia; and this sum will be entirely lost, as the bulwarks will be removed as soon as the ship reaches her destination. We hear that the falling bulwarks have been objected to upon the hypothetical grounds that they would be shaken to pieces when the guns were fired over them, and that they could not be made watertight when raised. These objections seem to us to have reference to matters of detail rather than of principle, and could probably both be obviated by the resources of modern engineering. To the second, especially, we should attach but little weight, since it would not matter how much water was shipped through bulwarks if it only found free exit as the vessel rose. The problem is of national importance, and we trust the Board of Admiralty will cause Mr. Haddan's suggestions to be thoroughly examined by the Shipbuilding Committee just appointed.—*The Times.*

EXTRAORDINARY BREAK AT BILLIARDS.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, at St. James's Hall, while W. Cook, jun., and Joseph Bennett (champion) were engaged in one of their weekly exhibition matches, Cook outdid all previous performances with the cue. The following are the particulars:—The game was 1,000 up. Early in the game Cook made breaks of 90, 94, and 108, when the score was called—Cook 350 to Bennett 218. Cook then had to play, and won the game off the balls. From 350 he got by all round play to 393. He then obtained position for his favourite spot stroke, and made 37 spots, bringing him to 504. He then lost the spot, but continued to play an all-round game scoring up to 546, when he had the spot again, and made 85 consecutive hazards, his total now being 709. At 706 there was an interval for refreshments. On returning he made the eighty-fifth spot, then added 9 by all-round play, and at 808 got the spot again. He then made 64 more consecutive spots, bringing him to 1,000, which won the game, with an unfinished break of 650. Being requested to finished the break, he made 34 more spots, when he broke down. The total break was 752, and the total number of spots 220. He scored the 1,000 in one hour 37 minutes, much the fastest on record, and in all he made 1,102 points in one hour 44 minutes. The break (752) has never been equalled at the English game, the nearest approach to it being Cook's own break of 513 at Swansea. It is more than twice as large as the largest break ever made by any other player—viz., 346 points, by Roberts, sen., some years ago.

SIR WILLIAM MANSFIELD ON ARMY REFORM.

(*Pall Mall Gazette*, Jan. 20.)

The article on the military forces of the Crown in the January number of the *Edinburgh Review* is understood to embody the views of Sir William Mansfield on the subject of Army Reform. His high military reputation, and the common rumour that he has been called in to advise the Cabinet in the preparation of that military legislation which can be no longer delayed, give unusual interest to this paper. We now know what Mr. Cardwell has been recommended to do by one competent expert. Other plans may have equal recommendations both in themselves and in the position of those who have suggested them; but it may fairly be required of the Secretary of War that he shall not reject Sir William Mansfield's scheme except for another equally good. There is nothing in the article in the *Edinburgh Review* which can be called extreme or revolutionary. It is neither the Prussian system, from which such great results have been obtained, nor the French system, from which such great results were expected. It is framed on the old lines and retains the old names; but in doing so it takes care that they shall stand for substantial realities. By the adoption of certain principles, "few, simple, and not onerous," the writer believes that "the people of these islands may raise and maintain a force of different descriptions, perfectly adapted to protect themselves at home and uphold their influence abroad." What these principles are we now propose to state.

As the foundation of the whole scheme, as will be expected by those who have read Sir William Mansfield's letter to Lord Elcho, is compulsory enrolment for the militia. Voluntary enlistment for this force is open to two fatal objections. The recruiting which it necessitates brings the militia into direct competition with the line, and it generates forgetfulness of the sound constitutional doctrine that every man is bound to give his personal service for the defence of the State wherever the State needs it. In no way can this doctrine be put in practice with so little inconvenience and so much fairness as by a system of ballot, with exemption in favour of certain employments and positions, but not for money payments. Any hardship arising from this compulsory enrolment would be mitigated by taking the number required from persons between the ages of seventeen and twenty, "so as not to interfere more than is necessary with settled trades, professions, and occupations;" and by making effective service in the volunteers a ground of exemption. "Young men would have the option of standing at the ballot to serve in the ranks of the paid militia or of volunteering to serve at their own expense in the other corps." Of course this exemption would involve a sweeping reform in the conditions of volunteer service. During four more years the militia, though released from all obligation to attend annual musters, should be liable to be called out in cases of national emergency. As compulsion should be the foundation of the militia, so voluntary enlistment should be the foundation of the line; and a properly constituted militia will form the best possible recruiting ground for the regular army. At present the commanding officers of militia regiments feel a natural objection to the removal of soldiers whom in many instances they have found it no easy matter to bring together. Under a system of compulsory enrolment, this objection would disappear, or, at all events, become groundless. The gaps made in the ranks of the militia at each annual training by volunteering into the line would be filled by the ballot before the next period of training came round, and it should therefore be the rule "to hold out inducements to men to volunteer for the regular army according to the service wants of the year." The local character of the militia should be carefully preserved, the number of battalions for each county being regulated by the population. If each battalion consisted of eight companies of 100 men each, one commanding officer, one adjutant, one quartermaster, and a captain and lieutenant for each company would be amply sufficient; but, inasmuch as the men under their command would for the most part be only imperfectly trained, it would be necessary for these officers to be thoroughly up to their work. The commissions should be largely given to experienced half-pay officers, and this resource should be augmented "by giving a preference over uninstructed country gentlemen to officers who have seen service, and who are willing to serve in the militia of their own counties." It is almost needless to add that the "nominations to the command of these national forces should cease to be an affair of patronage of the Lords-Lieutenant of counties, or of the partialities, prejudices, or good-will of individual commanding officers. The command and chief discipline of the Reserve Forces, like that of the army, must be under the Commander-in-Chief, who should provide officers under the direction of the Secretary of State."

The defence of the country being thus provided for, the next point to be considered is the constitution of an Army Reserve. This must never be less in numbers than the line, so that immediately on the outbreak of war the regular army would be at once doubled by the mobilization of the reserve; and for every soldier ordered on foreign service there would be another to take his place at home. The proper length of enlistment the Edinburgh Reviewer does not enter; but, whatever the term of service may be, it should be rigidly divided into two equal periods—one passed in the army and the other in the reserve. As the system became better established, it might be possible to make the period of service in the army shorter than that in the reserve, and thus to make the strength of the latter exceed that of the line. The depot of each regiment should be absolutely stationary in its own county—volunteering from the militia would in time give the regular army almost as much of a county character as belongs to the militia itself—and at this depot should be yearly assembled the reserve men of the adjacent districts, the necessary hold over whom would be secured by their pensions.

The important question remains how the army thus organized is to be officered. The Edinburgh Reviewer does not think it necessary to argue against the purchase of commissions. That must be abolished as the very first step towards any real improvement in our military system. Purchase "interferes with the selection of good, or the dismissal of incompetent, officers;" it "saps authority," and it "is hostile to any *esprit de corps*." With an ominous hint that we must be prepared to spend freely in the way of compensation, the Reviewer passes on to consider what system is to take the place of purchase when the inevitable day of abolition has come. The seniority system is open to the double objection that it affords no safeguard to the reintroduction of purchase in another form—and this, with the habits of buying and selling commissions so ingrained as they are in the British army, is a very serious drawback of itself—and that it makes the obtaining the best men for regimental commands even more a matter of chance than it is now. The Edinburgh Reviewer sees but one way out of the difficulty, and that is to apply to the army the particular system of selection already in force in the navy. He proposes that every officer in a regiment should be put under the five years' rule which is now applied only to staff appointments. His position would then "be one of appointment, with his commission and rank depending on his place in the unattached list. . . . The promotions in rank and appointments to regimental positions would be managed at the Horse Guards according to the wants of the army, as those of the navy are at the Admiralty. Under such a régime idle and bad officers would disappear on seeing that employment and promotion were denied to them, while the highest incentive to become efficient would be afforded to the army at large." If this plan were worked in combination with a proper scheme of retirement, and with opportunities of transfer to a higher rank in the militia, the promotion of deserving officers would be greatly facilitated. The Reviewer does not contemplate any special provision for promotion from the ranks. The population, he thinks, is not yet educated enough for it, and "soldiers, as a rule, do not prosper" under officers so chosen. The case of exceptionally deserving and competent men in the ranks would be met, however, by his suggestion that the rank of ensign should be abolished, and a class of cadets formed in each regiment, out of which officers should be taken. These cadets should be selected by competitive examination, and this examination might be open to men from the ranks. Upon the special arms of the service the article says little, beyond making the suggestive remark that "as cavalry soldiers and artillerymen cannot be formed as rapidly as soldiers of the line, these arms ought to be maintained at a higher relative point of strength and efficiency in time of peace than the infantry." It follows from this that the arguments in favour of short service are not applicable to these arms. In the engineers especially, where the men are really highly trained artizans, a three years' enlistment would deprive the service of the skill it needs almost as soon as it has been acquired.

We cannot now touch upon the criticism of the Control Department contained in this article, but its drift may be guessed from his remark that the new department recommended by a board of military officers, initiated by Sir John Pakington, brought into final shape by Mr. Cardwell, and thus combining to an unusual extent political and professional authority of various kinds, is really "based upon the system of the French Intendance—a system which broke down in the Crimea, which failed to feed the French army in the Italian campaign, and which has utterly collapsed in the present war."

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WHO'S TO PAY?

The Acting Commissioner of Police at Madras had very recently to make amends for an illegal arrest by an apology and Rs. 3,500, and a Madras newspaper asks—Who is to pay the money? In the name of the rate payers it protests against public money being used "for paying for official blunders;" and as far as we can judge from the circumstances of the narrative, we think that the damages should certainly be debited to the Commissioner's private account. It appears that in November last the Ceylon Government telegraphed to Madras to the effect that one Mootappah Chetty of Madras was charged with having committed forgery at Colombo, and asking that he might be immediately arrested, on being identified by certain persons who were mentioned as knowing the delinquent. The telegram was handed over to the Acting Commissioner, who took an envelope, addressed it—"M.R.R., Mootappah Chetty"—and gave it to a constable with instructions to go into certain streets and arrest any man who accepted it. The constable accordingly went out, found a man willing to take the envelope, and forthwith arrested him. The prisoner was a respectable merchant and protested strongly; his solicitor came to Court, offered Rs. 50,000 as bail, but the Commissioner held on to his man. Accordingly, a writ of *habeas corpus* was issued, Mr. Justice Kernan heard the case, and ordered a release on the security of Rs. 30,000, which were produced in Court. Soon after arrived a man from Ceylon to identify the prisoner, when it was discovered that this Mootappah Chetty was not the right one. The ex-prisoner at once served the Acting Commissioner with a month's notice of an action at law for damages to the extent of Rs. 30,000. Before the expiration of the month, the Commissioner patched up the matter, as we said above, with an apology and Rs. 3,500. It will surely be hard upon the Madras rate-payers if they have to pay this!—*Pioneer.*

RUPTURE BETWEEN ITALY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF TUNIS.

Tunis, Jan. 17.—The Italian Consul has ceased all diplomatic intercourse with the Government of Tunis. The motives for this step are not exactly known.

THE SPY MANIA UNABATED.

(FROM THE DIARY OF THE "BESIEGED RESIDENT.")

Paris, 11th Jan.

The spy mania, which raged with such intensity at the commencement of the siege, has again broken out. Every day persons are arrested because they are supposed, by lighted candles and other mysterious devices, to be in communication with the enemy. Sergeant Hoff, who used to kill his couple of brace of Germans every day, and who disappeared after Champigny, it is now said was a spy; and instead of mourning over his wife, who had been slain by the Prussians, kept a mistress in splendour, like a fine gentleman. Foreigners are looked upon suspiciously in the streets. Very black looks are cast upon the Americans, who have established and kept up the best ambulance there is in Paris at their own cost. Even the French ambulances are suspected, since some of their members, during a suspension of arms, broke bread with the Prussians; for it is held that any one who does not hate a German must be in the pay of Bismarck. But this is not all: the newspapers hint that there are spies at head-quarters. General Schmitz has a valet who has a wife, and this wife is a German. What more clear than that General Schmitz confides what passes at councils of war to his valet—Generals usually do; that the valet confides it to his wife, who confides it to Bismarck. And then General Trochu has an aide-de-camp, a Prince Bebesco. He is a Wallachian, and a son of an ex-Hospodar—I never yet heard of a Wallachian who was not. Can a doubt exist in the mind of any reasonable human being that this young gentleman, a harmless lad who had passed the greater part of his existence dancing cotillons at Paris, is in direct communication with the Prussians outside? A day or two ago two National Guards were exchanging their strategical views in a café, when they noticed a stranger write down something. He was immediately arrested, as he evidently intended to transmit the opinions of these two military sages to General Moltke. I was myself down at Montrouge yesterday, when I was requested by two National Guards to accompany them to the nearest commissary. I asked why, and was told that a woman had heard me speak German, and replied that I was English. "Zat ve sall soon zee," said one of my captors. "I spek Anglish like an Anglishman, address to me the vord in Anglish." I replied that the gentleman spoke English with so perfect an accent that I thought that he must be a fellow-countryman. The worthy fellow was disarmed by the compliment, and told a crowd which had collected around us to do prompt justice on the spy, that I not only was an Englishman, but *un Cochné*; that is to say, he explained, an inhabitant of London. He shook me by the hand; his friend shook me by the hand; and several Gallic and gentlemen also shook me by the hand; and then we parted. Yesterday evening on the Boulevards there were groups discussing "the traitors." Some said that General Schmitz had been arrested; others that he ought to be arrested. A patriot observed to me that all foreigners in Paris ought, as a precautionary measure, to be extirpated. "Parbleu," I replied, and you may depend upon it I rolled my hand and shrugged my shoulders in true Gallic fashion. This morning General Trochu has published a proclamation, denouncing all attacks upon his staff, and making himself responsible for its members. It is an honest, manly protest, and by far the best document which this prolific writer has issued for some time. Another complaint is made against the Generals who damp the popular enthusiasm by throwing doubts upon ultimate victory. In fact, we have got to such a condition that a military man dares not venture to express his opinion upon military matters for fear of being denounced. We are, indeed, still in a most unsatisfactory-dering mood. I was talking to-day to a banker—a friend who would do anything except cash my bill. In business he is a clear-headed, sensible man. I asked him what would occur if our provisions gave out before the armies of the provinces arrived to our rescue. He replied that the Government would announce the fact, and call upon all able-bodied men to make a dash at the Prussian lines; that 300,000 at least would respond to the call, and would either be killed or force their way out. This will give you an idea of the present tone of the population. Nine men out of ten believe that we have enough provisions to last at least until the end of February. The only official utterance respecting the provisions is contained in a paragraph in the *Journal Officiel* to-day, in which we are informed that there are 15,000 oxen and 40,000 sheep in Bordeaux waiting for marching orders to Paris. This is much like telling a starving man in the Strand that figs are plentiful in Palestine, and only waiting to be picked.—*Daily News.*

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